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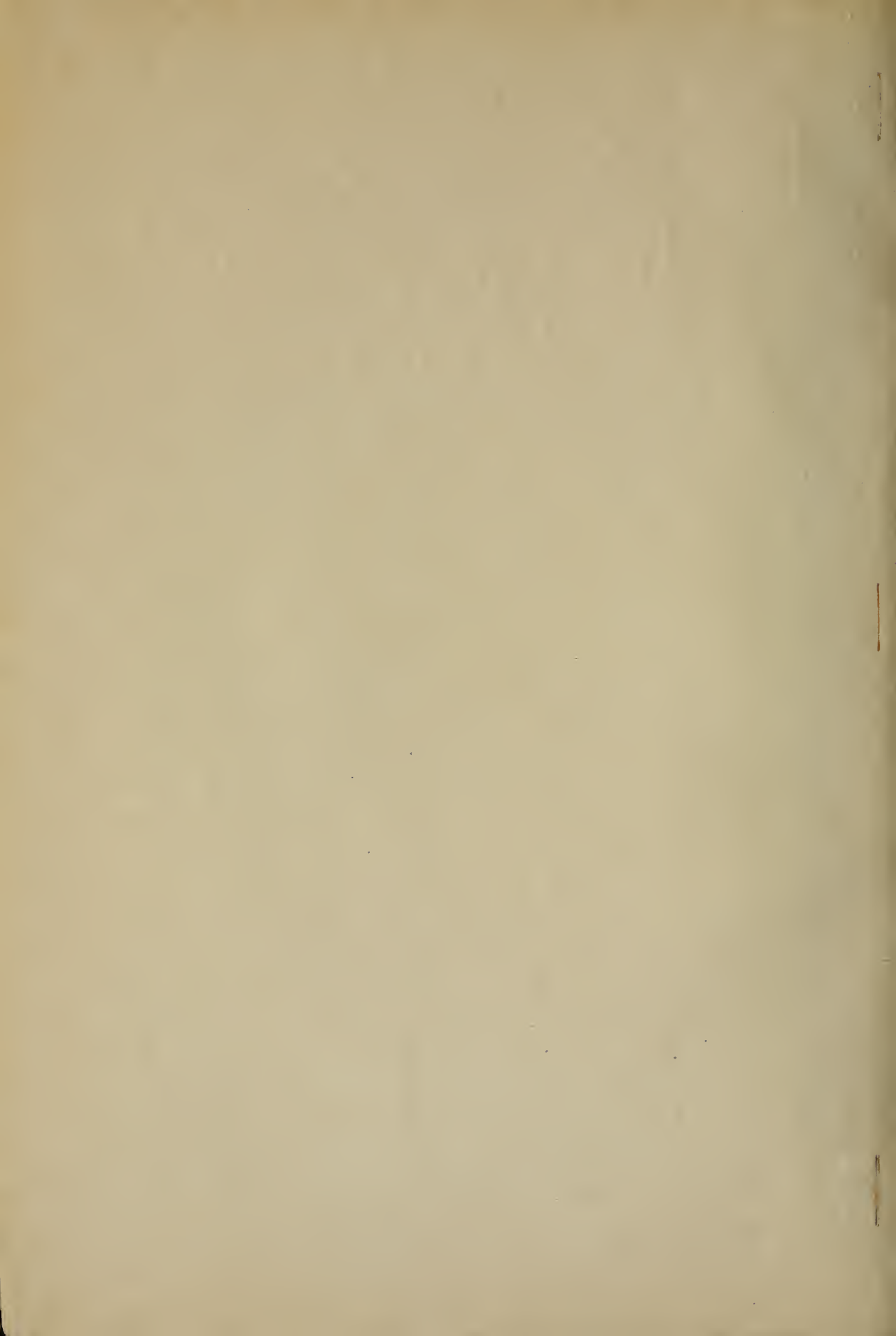
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ANOTHER SILVER JUBILEE The philatelic press of the country has already given abundant notice of the events that transpired at Chicago, to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the American Philatelic Society; and in the following pages will be found the official record of the proceedings at the Convention. But the fact that our sister society, the National Society of Sweden, known in the homeland as the *Sveriges Filatelist Forening*, was celebrating a similar jubilee hardly a month later, was not so widely noticed as it deserved to be.

This great Society, which is one of the most active and progressive in existence, boasts a membership of 1100—two-thirds as many as our own Society, and that with a national population of five and a half million where we total a hundred million! Then, too, its membership list is headed by no less personages than the Crown Prince of Sweden and the King of England, while many of the foremost men of Sweden, scientific, educational, legal, medical and military, are represented on the rolls.

As a parallel to our own celebration, we are glad to reproduce a short account of the Swedish Jubilee as told by our International Secretary, Mr. L. Harald Kjellstedt, in the columns of "Mekeel's Weekly":—

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ment intentionally issued the new 1 ore stamp on this day and used on view cards it was mailed to friends all over the country. A splendid stamp exhibit had been arranged, and as its most interesting item may be mentioned a specialized collection of Sweden, complete, and illustrating every paper and shade variety, listed in the new catalogue. Stockholm's enterprising dealer, Consul Harry Wennberg, published on the same day a new album of Sweden for specialists, arranged in accordance with the society's catalogue.

"At the first session, telegrams were sent to the society's two honorary members, Crown Prince Gustaf Adolf of Sweden, and King George V of England. The replies received read as follows:

"With hearty thanks I send the Philatelic Society of Sweden my sincere congratulation on its 25 years day.

Gustaf Adolf."

The message from England was:

"I am commanded by the King to thank you and those who join with you, for the kind sentiments to which your telegram gives expression."

"The business session of the first evening was followed by an informal banquet at the headquarters, lasting well into the morning of the next day. Sept. 17 the delegates were taken to the Royal Opera to witness the performance of 'The Flying Dutchman,' and after the opera supper was served in the palm garden of the Grand Hotel Royal. Six o'clock, p. m., Sept. 18, the birthday of the Swedish Society, all the delegates assembled to a formal banquet which was served in the grand festival hall of the beautiful 'Restaurant Hasselbacken.' At every cover was a silk flag with the society's monogram in silver within the enlarged design of the 25 ore postage stamp. The President of the Society had the Postmaster General of Sweden on his right and Mr. Fred J. Melville on his left. When the champagne was reached, the President proposed the toasts for the King and Crown

Prince of Sweden, which were drunk amidst fanfares and the playing of the national anthem. Then followed a similar toast for the King of England with the band playing the English national anthem. The speech of the Postmaster General indicated the high esteem in which the Swedish Philatelic Society is held by the Postal Department. His Excellency stated that he had with pleasure and interest often consulted the aims and wishes of the Society, and had found them more than once of usefulness to the Postal Department as well as the government. He wished the Swedish Society all success possible and accentuated this by proposing its toast.

"The 'Jubilee Special' of the S. F. T. was issued with the coffee and had its first page adorned by a picture of Mr. Melville. It was again the morning of another day before the banquet came to an end. Greetings were received and read from The Royal Philatelic Society, The American Philatelic Society, from Norwegian and German societies and from all the Branches of the Swedish Society as well as from a great number of its members at home and abroad.

"Three papers were read during the convention. One, by Doctor Astley Levin, on 'Swedish Cancellation,' was illustrated by the author's valuable collection. Mr. Fred J. Melville gave a lecture on 'The British Post Office' from its origin to the present day. The lecture was illustrated by stereopticon pictures. The third paper, by Mr. Nils Westberg, indicated a great amount of knowledge and study, and treated of 'The valuation of postage stamps.'"

CONVENTION The attendants at the
SOUVENIRS 25th Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Society in Chicago, August 22-25th, 1911, will not only long hold in memory the entertainment offered them and the fine exhibition provided for the Silver Jubilee, but were enabled to carry away tangible mementos of the occasion. The Chicago Philatelic Society, as

entertainers, not only provided a splendid program for the event, but outdid themselves in the souvenirs they presented to members who attended.

One of these, the Official Badge, was in the form of a medal, the obverse showing a finely executed profile of the retiring President, Henry N. Mudge, whose name appears following the rim.



Obverse

The reverse has the Society name on a banderole which doubles across the medal, and a palm branch following the rim at the right. Above is "Henry N. Mudge, President," and below "Chicago Aug. 22-25, 1911, 25th Year."

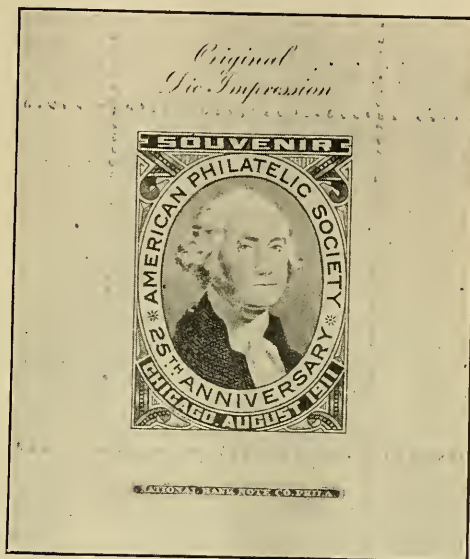


Reverse

The medals, whose execution is superb, were designed by Adam Pietz, of Philadelphia. They were suspended from a bar pin, lettered "Silver Jubilee," by a dark blue ribbon on which was printed in silver "American Philatelic Society—25th Anniversary—Convention—Chicago—Aug. 22-25, 1911."

As if this were not enough, a second souvenir in the shape of a stamp especially engraved for the occasion was presented to each member. This was

unique, as it had for its center piece the Stuart portrait of Washington which was used on the \$5.00 United States Proprietary Revenue Stamp of 1871-75. That



this was possible comes from the fact that the engravers, the National Bank Note Co. of Philadelphia, are the successors of Joseph R. Carpenter, who executed the original die during his contract for furnishing the Civil War Revenues.

The frame surrounding the portrait is very tastefully gotten up, the Society name and "25th Anniversary" appearing above and below the head respectively. The word "Souvenir" is at the top of the stamp and "Chicago, August 1911" appears at the bottom. The stamps were not printed from a plate, but from the steel die, so that none of the clearness of the engraving would be lost in the impression. They are thus in the nature of "Artist's Proofs," and are supplied with large margins, though perforated near the stamp design. In the lower margin appears the imprint of the engravers, and in the upper margin "Original Die Impression." A set in five different colors—orange, carmine, black, Prussian blue and green—makes a most attractive as well as historically inter-

esting addition to the A. P. S. member's souvenirs, or den decorations, or album page as he prefers.

All members of the Society can be provided with a set of these stamps by sending a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Chairman of the Souvenir Committee, Mr. Iver R. Johnson, 2214 North Rockwell St., Chicago, Ill. As it is presumed almost every one would like a set, and as hardly half of the

membership have as yet applied for one, the attention of those who may read this is called to the opportunity that is still open.

The cuts here shown were very kindly loaned us by Mr. Percy McGraw Mann, publisher of the *Philadelphia Stamp News*, the Official Journal, and Mr. Iver R. Johnson, Chairman of the Souvenir Committee.

Our Last Convention.

Chicago has turned another page in the history of our Society, and it is but fitting that at this time the Society should thank our recent hosts for what will prove to be one of the long-remembered conventions. Fortunate are those who were present, not only to enjoy the hospitality of Chicago Branch No. 1 and the Chicago Philatelic Society, but members of the convention in addition were able to meet many of their friends from distant parts of the country and enjoy the stamp exhibit which is the greatest ever held in this country. Geographically, Chicago is admirably situated for the convention. Philatelically speaking, there is no east or west or north or south. Certain eastern cities on account of denser population, may have more collectors than the west, but what appears to be lacking in numbers among our western brethren is more than made up in enthusiasm. Chicago has just cause to be proud of the entertainments afforded the visiting members and to the Exhibition Committee words of praise should not be stinted. The exhibits were neatly arranged and rare good judgment exercised in the selection of pages placed on exhibition. It was impossible to publicly display the numerous volumes, and the specialized countries were pruned and undoubtedly to their advantage. We all know the common stamps of the country, but few of us are familiar with the rarities. Stamps were returned to the owners in as good condition as when received by the Committee. The writer has heard of no complaints on this score, and the Committee may well be congratulated on discharging the responsibilities which undoubtedly must have rested heavily upon them. The judges were good judges, and their awards met with the highest approval when announced in Convention. The writer believes that if all the competitors who were not so fortunate as to be awarded a medal had been called upon to endorse the verdict of this jury of awards that they would have done so unhesitatingly. The various Committees appointed to work during the Convention discharged their duties ably and well. The Convention hall was ideal, and the rooms provided for the Committees illustrated a most careful forethought of our hosts to make the Convention members comfortable, and by doing so, lightened our labors. The boat ride, automobile ride, dinner and amusement park entertainment of our hosts were enjoyed by all. The only trouble was that the days and nights were not long enough.

The Chicago Convention and the Chicago Exhibition will be remembered in the years to come and will stand as a lasting monument to the labor of love bestowed by our hosts.

It is fitting to say in connection with the success of the Chicago Convention and Exhibition that the future holds in store for us many opportunities of doing good work in the interest of Philately. Competitive exhibits bring out the best

there is in a collector, and when a man is at his best he cannot but educate and teach those who are to follow. Big collections of today may be broken up tomorrow and its constituent parts will make another collection even bigger. It is by accretion resulting from specializing that we learn to know stamps. The discoveries of our brothers today constitute the foundations on which the collector of tomorrow will work. Therefore, let the Society continue to work in the interest of Philately and develop the good that is in us all today so that future generations may profit thereby. Let our energies be well directed and with a definite object in view. We can help collectors and we want the support of all well-meaning collectors; for without support we cannot make progress, and progress is the order of the day. We cannot afford to be like the foreman in a factory who, as described by his superior, is like a cat chasing its tail. The superior said that if the foreman had stood still he would have accomplished more; but he kept chasing around snatching at the illusive appendage never having succeeded in catching it; and at night when he went home he thought he was tired from the work he had done, but he was not—he was only dizzy. Therefore, we cannot afford to waste our energies when the same amount of labor exercised in the proper direction would result in good work. Let us get together and do some more good work. Chicago has pointed the way.

A Silver Jubilee Dinner

In Celebration of the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the Chicago Philatelic Society.

By H. N. MUDGE, C. P. S. No. 201.

The American Philatelic Society recently celebrated its 25th Anniversary but a few weeks in advance of another philatelic silver jubilee, that of the Chicago Philatelic Society; the latter recording the passing of its first quarter century on October 7th.

It seems singularly fitting that with the same number of years to record in the big book of Philatelic records, the birthdays of these two societies should be but twenty-four days apart, the exact date of C. P. S. organization being October 8, 1886. Fitting in that both have a national reputation of an enviable character, albeit the Chicago Society is avowedly a local institution, and particularly fitting in that the C. P. S. directly and indirectly by its official acts and through many of its members, has always been a staunch friend, and, in a certain sense, co-worker with the National Society. Not that the local Society has ever, as a society, either officially or unofficially "mixed" in the personal affairs of any other Philatelic Society. On the contrary, it has been a marked characteristic of the Chicago Philatelic Society that it has lived and thrived all these years in its own independent and resourceful way, almost entirely within itself; fortunately, however, escaping provincialism by the saving grace of inborn hospitality and social attributes, and acquiring no small influence on philately in general, and making itself well known and esteemed the country over by the example it has set in its constancy of purpose and by the men who have gone out from its ranks into broader fields of philatelic endeavor. It is in part through this last feature and in part through its innate sociability, that the statement was made that the Chicago Society had been in a measure a co-worker with the National Society. But particularly was this true in its early history, as not only were the same Chicago men instrumental in the founding of both societies, but for many years the C. P. S. was a Branch (No. 1) of A. P. S.

In this connection it may be in place to digress long enough to say, as an illustration of the broad gage characteristics of the Chicago Philatelic Society, that

many ears ago the Branch Society,—(Branch No. 1, A. P. S.) became a separate and independent society, and always has been, and still is, one of the largest and most flourishing Branches in A. P. S.; and this with always the good will and friendly feeling of C. P. S., notwithstanding that the membership of the two is distinct and different. That is, while it happens that all Branch members are also C. P. S. members, the reverse is not true by a very large percent.

Also along social lines has C. P. S. blended into the life of A. P. S., for the first, (1887), seventh (1893) and twenty-fifth (1911) annual conventions of our national body have been held in Chicago on the former's invitation.

While this is primarily an account of the **Chicago Philatelic Society's** celebration, what has been said has seemed germane to the subject for the benefit of those readers of the "Quarterly" who are comparatively newcomers in the ranks of our organization; for it is certainly within the province and aims of A. P. S. for its members to be in touch with matters pertaining to all phases of Philatelic endeavor as exemplified by sister societies.

The opening note of the Silver Jubilee at Chicago was characteristic of the way C. P. S. does things. This in the uniqueness of the invitation to the banquet—for the occasion was celebrated by a banquet at Cafe Roma, on Wabash Avenue. To impress and show at a glance the salient feature and reason for the invitation, and at the same time characterize it as a call to a "stamp" gathering in distinction to congregating for any other possible purpose, to the left of the neat announcement and distinct from it, yet blending harmoniously into the whole, was in vertical column an 1886 two cent U. S. stamp and a current 5 cent U. S. stamp labelled 1911, these stamps boxed at top and bottom of the sheet respectively, and connected by a bold line reading "twenty-five years."

Seated at the tables, for the banquet was arranged with the express end in view of catering to the social feature of the occasion by having members and guests seated in congenial groups about many detached tables instead of, at a continuous one—seated at the tables one's memory of the anniversary was made secure for all time by finding at the side of one's plate a neat box which on being opened disclosed a most artistic souvenir in the shape of a watch fob. The pendant design of the fob, attached to a broad leather strap, was an oxidized silver sunburst bearing the emblem of the society, the latter an adapted fac simile of the Chicago Penny Post Stamp, the design having been especially and very effectively engraved for the anniversary. On the reverse of the pendant was an appropriate record, reading: "Silver Jubilee, Chicago Philatelic Society, 1886-1911." In order that all members of the Society might have a constant reminder of this Silver Jubilee, the fob was afterwards sent to every active, passive and honorary member not at the banquet.

But better than unique announcement or attractive souvenir, and even more gratifying to pride than the banquet itself, was the honor done the Society by the attendance of out of town guests of note who made the journey to Chicago for the express purpose of felicitating C. P. S. on the attainment of its quarter century mark. There was Secretary W. H. Barnum of Cleveland, representing the American Philatelic Society, together with H. E. Crowell of the same city, who brought the greetings of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club. The Boston Philatelic Society made its presence felt in the person of Mr. E. M. Carpenter, and the Detroit Society expressed its good will and congratulations through Messrs. A. R. Fernald and C. W. Wilson. Kansas City also graced the occasion through its genial Mr. Frank Bescher.

Of the banquet itself, being much like all similar affairs, it is only necessary to state that, being up to standard, it met all expectations. But the genial spirit of good fellowship and decorous mirth that prevailed throughout the entire evening must be made a matter of positive record. The attendance was good in point of

numbers, forty-five being the count. And it certainly was a representative gathering, including as it did members so old in the service of the Society as to have earned the honorable appellation of "the old war horses," members of nearly, but not quite, as long a record who have ever been serving as the "stand-bys" and, of course, members always to be classed as "the reliables," and finally, there were the "novitiates." It would be interesting to dwell on the first two of these classes and mention by name a few of the men who have helped make history for C. P. S.; but such is obviously not practical. Objection can hardly be made, however, to the plain statement, "as a matter of news," that "P. M." (Wolsieffer) and "Charlie" (Severn) were both there. Mr. Wolsieffer, the President of the Society, was Toastmaster, and as such was in one of his most genial moods, adding much to the warmth of feeling for the occasion by his reminiscences and happy little sallies in introducing the speakers. The latter were Messrs. Mudge, Barnum, Crowell, Fernald, Carpenter, Bescher, Toppan, Loth and Dodd. The speeches were charmingly informal, thereby blending most harmoniously into the prevailing spirit of the evening. Their climax was possibly reached in Mr. Dodd's humorous prophecies of the future.

The Committee of Arrangements had so perfected their share of the proceedings, and the members and guests so happily fitted into them in fact and spirit, that when at a late hour the C. P. S. song was sung as a closing benediction, it was truthfully felt by all that the affair had been a complete success from start to finish.

In such hearty measure was the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Chicago Philatelic Society celebrated. And the Society is worthy of such recognition; for, among other things, its records, which are intact, show that in the long twenty-five years of its existence not a single regular meeting has been omitted. Is it any wonder that the following lines occur in the chorus of its song:

"C. P. S.! C. P. S.!

C. P. S. hurrah!

Stamp collectors know thy worth

And loyal to you are."

Mr. Worthington's Rarities.

As a matter of great interest and permanent record, we are glad to present a list of the rare covers which were exhibited by Mr. George H. Worthington at the Art Institute, Chicago, during the Anniversary Philatelic Exhibition held by the Society, while the Convention of 1911 was in session. Our only regret is that we are not able to illustrate the entire series, and thus give those who were not at Chicago a chance to see this wonderful aggregation by proxy.

ENTIRE COVERS EXHIBITED BY MR. GEO. H. WORTHINGTON.

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Confederate States.

5c (Red) Athens, Ga.
10c Baton Rouge, La.
10c Beaumont, Tex.
5c Emory, Va.
10c Goliad, Tex., showing error "Goliad."
5c Grove Hill, Ala.
5c Livingston, Ala.
10c Lavacka, Texas.

2c Macon, Ga.

5c Salem, Va.

10c Victoria, Texas.

5c Marion, Va.

5c Pittsylvania C. H., Va.

U. S. Locals.

2c Buff, Adams City Despatch.

3c Bloods Despatch, No. 2235.

2c Bakers City Despatch.

2c Briggs Despatch.
 Davis's Penny Post.
 2c Frazer & Co.
 1c City Letter Express.
 2c green, New York City Express.
 2c Telegraph Despatch P. O.
 2c yellow, Masons.

Foreign.

8c green (circular) British Guiana.
 1c magenta, Block of 4, British Guiana.
 1d Cape of Good Hope, block of four showing error "Four Pence."
 Strip of 5 1c Puerto Principe, double surcharge.
 Pair of 40r "Guine" on Cape Verde, one is error "Mozambique."
 2½d British Columbia, No. 1.
 12d Canada.
 2c & 5c Hawaiian Missionaries.

5c Hawaiian Missionary.
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 Lady McLeod Local.
 Strip of 3 1d blue Natal, No. 5.
 Two One Penny Post Office Mauritius.
 25c Campeche.
 1r Chiapas.
 2r Chiapas.
 Block of 8, 3d N. S. W., No. 14.
 20c Suez Canal.
 30c Reunion.
 54p Moldavia.
 2½r Basle (Switzerland).
 Double Geneva, halves reversed.
 5c Geneva, envelope stamp.
 Block of 4, 2½r Winterthur.
 1pi gray, Turkey, signature reversed.
 10c black brown Canada, half used as 5c.
 9d Prince Edward Island, half used as 4½d.

Review.

There has just come from the press another of those excellent monographs which the Philatelic Society of India every now and then sets before the philatelic public. We naturally look to them as exponents of the philately of that section of the globe, and they have not failed us. The newest work, "The Fiscal and Telegraph Stamps of Ceylon," is from notes by the late C. S. F. Crofton, who may be remembered as a frequent and valuable contributor to the *Philatelic Journal of India*, as well as its editor for some time. He was also joint author, with Messrs. Stewart-Wilson and Hausberg, of the important work on the "Postage and Telegraph Stamps of British India," having written most of the portion dealing with the telegraph stamps. In fact Mr. Crofton was especially interested in the fiscal and telegraph stamps of India, and the material for the present work was collected by him with the idea of publication. Unfortunately a brilliant career was cut short by death, some two years ago, and the data accumulated was placed in the hands of Mr. B. Gordon Jones, who has arranged it in proper shape for publication.

In the Introduction we are told that "The Stamps of Ceylon, postal, fiscal and telegraph, * * * * present a series of fascinating problems which include and throw light on every important development in the history of the stamp production of the two great English manufacturers, Perkins Bacon and Co., and De la Rue and Co. A unique feature exhibited by the group is a series of plateable Perkins Bacon stamps." These are the Foreign Bill stamps of 1862; but some of them are of great rarity. Again, we note that "no class of Ceylon stamps has escaped the surcharging fever of 1882-92, but the fiscal and telegraph provisionals of this period, through absence of all speculative influence, are really above the suspicion of having been prepared through sordid motives." "The change in the telegraph rate to India in 1882 was the first and sole cause of the great series of telegraph provisionals." But "early in 1892 the Ceylon Government intervened in the doings of the Colombo Stamp Office and ordered the constant surcharging of telegraph stamps to be put a stop to." This "veto of 1892, though perhaps an insignificant administrative feature, is one of the most important philatelic events in the island's his-

tory. Its direct results include the type-set telegraphs, the 1894 series of foreign bills, and the abolition of postal commission stamps."

These latter often appear in collections and have been included in postage stamp catalogues. They are purely fiscal, however, having been issued to pay the 3 cents fee charged for a commission on postal orders. They were superseded in 1892 by the newly issued postage stamps of the same value, which were used in their place.

All other "appropriated" stamps have been superseded by the general "Stamp Duty" series within a few years, save that the 5 cent 'Postage and Revenue' still serves as a receipt stamp, which is why the double designation appears on this value only. The telegraph stamps were superseded by the general postage stamps, however.

A summary gives the number of catalogue varieties of Ceylon fiscal and telegraph stamps as 720, of which 700 are practically all De la Rue surface printed stamps. "As the number of De la Rue's plates was only 36, each stamp has an average of nearly twenty varieties of paper, colour, or surcharge." Surely an excellent field for the specialist.

A priced reference list completes the volume, which contains 146 pages. It is printed upon a super-calendared paper and fully illustrated, and altogether is a valuable work upon these stamps. It is published for the Society by Messrs. Bridger & Kay, of London, at five shillings.

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CHICAGO, AUGUST, 1911

Pursuant to the following call, the Twenty-Sixth Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Society was held at the Hotel La Salle, Chicago, Illinois, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, August 22d, 23d and 24th, 1911.

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To the Stockholders of the American Philatelic Society:

The twenty-sixth Annual Convention of this Society, for the election of Directors and the transaction of such business as may be legally brought before it, will be convened at Chicago, state of Illinois, upon Tuesday, the twenty-second day of August, 1911, at ten o'clock A. M., and upon succeeding days until all business shall have been disposed of.

I hereby appoint the following gentlemen to serve as the Committee on Credentials: D. T. Eaton, of Muscatine, Ia., Chairman; A. W. Batchelder, of Boston, Mass.; H. C. Crowell, of Cleveland, Ohio; P. M. Wolsieffer, of Chicago, Ill.; Chester Myers, of St. Louis, Mo.

I also appoint the following as the Committee of Arrangements: P. M. Wolsieffer, chairman, H. M. Loth, Iver Johnson, H. A. Fowler, Fred Michael, Casper Staub, H. M. Clark, all of Chicago.

The Convention Headquarters and place of meeting will be announced later.

H. N. MUDGE, President.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT.

6643 Normal Ave., Chicago, Ill.

August 21, 1911.

To the Stockholders of the American Philatelic Society:

Mr. John F. Rust, of Cleveland, Ohio, is hereby appointed a member of the Committee on Credentials, to serve in the absence of H. C. Crowell, of Cleveland, Ohio.

The revised Committee on Credentials therefore stands as follows: D. T. Eaton of Muscatine, Iowa, chairman, P. M. Wolsieffer of Chicago, Ill., Chester Myers of St. Louis, Mo., A. W. Batchelder of Boston, Mass., John F. Rust of Cleveland, Ohio.

H. N. MUDGE, President.

CONVENTION PROCEEDINGS.

SESSION OF TUESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 22d, 1911.

The First Session was called to order by the President, Mr. H. N. Mudge.

The Chair: The Twenty-Sixth Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Society will open. The first order of business is the Call for the Convention, but inasmuch as that already has been published, we can save time by passing that, if it is so wished. If there is no objection, it will be so understood.

I will ask the gentlemen, before I forget it, to please announce yourselves when addressing the Chair, when we come to the discussions. While I know most of you, yet for the benefit of the reporter, please give your names. We would like to get those names correct. I know by experience that it is quite difficult to be sure of the names, and we need to have them correct when we come to editing the proceedings of the Convention.

The next business is the report of the Committee on Credentials, Mr. D. T. Eaton.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

August 22, 1911.

To the Officers and Members of the American Philatelic Society:

Gentlemen:—The Committee on Credentials beg leave to present the following report on Election of Officers:

C. A. Coolidge of Michigan.....	received 508 votes
W. H. Barnum of Ohio.....	received 504 votes
F. R. Cornwall of Missouri.....	received 503 votes
L. C. Hassler of Kentucky.....	received 493 votes
H. C. Bowen of Michigan.....	received 474 votes
L. H. Kjellstedt of Pennsylvania.....	received 468 votes
C. F. Heyerman of Michigan.....	received 449 votes
H. J. Crocker of California.....	received 414 votes
W. C. Stone of Massachusetts.....	received 372 votes

The above nine candidates having received the highest number of votes are elected.

C. A. Nast of Colorado.....	received 333 votes
E. Doeblin of Pennsylvania.....	received 15 votes
J. A. D. Park of New York.....	received 5 votes
P. M. Wolsieffer of Illinois.....	received 3 votes
Paul Mason of Ohio.....	received 3 votes
L. G. Quackenbush of New York.....	received 3 votes
G. Gurdji of New York.....	received 1 vote
C. E. Severn of Illinois.....	received 1 vote
John F. Rust of Ohio.....	received 1 vote
Chas. A. Beamish of Pennsylvania.....	received 1 vote
A. F. Henkels of Pennsylvania.....	received 1 vote
Percival Parrish of Pennsylvania	received 1 vote
H. G. Smith of California.....	received 1 vote
Voted for ten Directors.....	10
Unsigned ballots	10
Entirely blank	9

The three last named were declared void for reasons as stated above.

Respectfully submitted,

D. T. EATON,
A. W. BATCHELDER,
J. F. RUST,
P. M. WOLSIEFFER,
CHESTER MYERS.

The Chair: The next report is that on Proxies.

REPORT ON PROXIES.

Chicago, August 22nd, 1911.

To the Officers and Members of the American Philatelic Society:

Gentlemen:—The Committee on Credentials beg leave to present the following report on the number of proxies presented to the committee:

Fred Michael	3	F. J. Bescher	2
C. A. Nast	4	A. W. Batchelder	33
E. T. Parker	1	H. M. Clark	26
Percival Parish	1	H. C. Crowell	2
E. M. Rosenthal	1	H. A. Davis	25
John F. Rust.....	29	E. Doeblin	2
H. L. Lindquist	1	D. T. Eaton	34
J. F. Sensow	2	H. A. Fowler	14
C. E. Severn	28	A. P. Hosmer	18
C. Staub	1	I. R. Johnson	28
A. C. Stewart	1	C. W. Kissinger	1
W. C. Stone	44	C. F. Heyerman	34
C. V. Webb	5	Eugene Klein	12
W. G. Whittaker	15	Otto Lehman	7
P. M. Wolsieffer.....	50	Julius Levy	5
C. Bangs	3	John N. Luff.....	8
Alvin Good	2	Percy McG. Mann.....	6
E. L. Fischer	1	Paul Mason	4

A considerable number of proxies, which were received by the committee, were invalid because of being made out to an officer of the society, or because of being unsigned.

Respectfully submitted,

D. T. EATON,
A. W. BATCHELDER,
J. F. RUST,
P. M. WOLSIEFFER,
CHESTER MYERS,

Committee.

General Coolidge: Mr. President, as I am a Director, I am not allowed to have any proxies, and I ask that they be transferred to Mr. C. F. Heyerman.

Mr. Eaton: They should be taken out.

Mr. Doeblin: I have sent eleven proxies to Mr. Wolsieffer.

The Chair: Gentlemen, the Committee will look Mr. Doeblin's matter up. We will have the report on the Official Journal.

REPORT ON THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL.

Chicago, August 22, 1911.

To the Officers and Members of the American Philatelic Society:

Gentlemen:—The Committee on Credentials beg leave to present the following report of the vote for Official Journal:

Philadelphia Stamp News	246 votes
Philatelic Gazette	110 votes
Stamp Journal	53 votes
Redfield's Weekly	31 votes
Mekeel's Weekly	10 votes
American Philatelic Monthly (to be published by the Society)	1 vote
Blank	84 votes
Not signed	10 votes

Respectfully submitted,

D. T. EATON,
A. W. BATCHELDER,
J. F. RUST,
P. M. WOLSIEFFER,
CHESTER MYERS.

The Chair: Gentlemen, you have heard the report of this Committee. You understand that if any errors are made, they may be rectified at any session. If there are no objections, the report will be received. The next in order is the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

Mr. Stone: I move that we omit the reading of the minutes of the last meeting.

General Coolidge: I second the motion.

The Chair: It is moved and seconded that the reading of the minutes be omitted, and if there is no objection that will be done.

The next order of business is the reading of the President's Report.

Thereupon the President read his address.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Chicago, August 22, 1911.

Member of the American Philatelic Society:

It is with pleasure that I am able to preface this, the annual address of your President, with the statement that during the past year there has been peace and harmony in our ranks, that all officers and committees have worked diligently and effectively with, I am positive, a resultant progress in the stability of the Society. Also that taken as a whole we can enter on the beginning of our second quarter of a century with the feeling that while much is yet to be accomplished, before our ideals are attained, we have a firm foundation to work upon.

Looking backwards on the twenty-five years that have passed in our Society's history, and which achievement we celebrate at this Convention by a stamp exhibition at the Art Institute, we can but admire the wisdom and self sacrifice that has predominated among the officers and other workers of the Society in that period, and I deem it eminently appropriate to suggest that they be held in grateful remembrance on this occasion.

The stamp exhibition, as our announcement circular specifies, was to be in a measure experimental; but whatever instruction it affords for future improvement it will demonstrate beyond a doubt, it is firmly believed, that for a beginning it is not only more than creditable but that the American Philatelic Society must have its influence on our beloved science to bring out on this occasion the wide range and high class of exhibits that will be found entered in the catalogue and on view, in one form or another, at the Art Institute.

Reviewing the routine work of the year, an item of possibly more than passing interest will be found in the consideration of the American Philatelist,—our quarterly publication. It is gratifying to note that, while we have not yet learned to issue it on time, we have published the required four numbers, and that the year's issue has been a vast improvement in quality over that of the previous year.

The admission of the publication to the mails as second-class matter was denied after strenuous efforts to the contrary, the later extending into February of the present year, which efforts were incidentally the cause of the delay in the appearance of the first number. The denial was based on the claim that our publication cannot be regarded under the law as "published for the dissemination of information of a public character;" the required contents of our first two numbers being the feature that carries it out of the pale. Inasmuch as the refusal of the post office department has been made twice (we were allowed to re-open the question after being refused once) it is undoubtedly final. As this question of second-class rates was largely a campaign argument at the time the Quarterly was established, and in no way enters into our law governing its publication, it has not been allowed to affect the continuance of the periodical. Inasmuch as to comply with the law governing second-class rates we would be obliged to increase

our publishing responsibilities by making the American Philatelist a literary magazine in all four numbers, thus necessitating the additional publication of what would be equivalent to our old so-called "Year Book," and inasmuch as our present Quarterly was avowedly created as a division of the Year Book, with additions, into four numbers, I recommend that the American Philatelist be continued on its present lines and be sent free to all members. It has been impossible to collect data to show the difference in cost to the Society by the failure to secure second-class rates, but on No. 1 there would have been a saving of about \$75.00, although on the other numbers the loss has been very much less owing to the relative smallness of the books. The effort to secure second-class rates, in connection with eliminating dues from a regular subscription price, necessitated some special legislation last year which is not applicable now and has become detrimental to our interests. Hence, in another connection, I shall recommend that the legislation referred to be annulled.

There has been criticism of our Official Journal during the year on account of its failure to publish society matter that was expected of it. Inasmuch as that particular journal and the Society are to part company, I will only dwell tersely on the matter in a reportorial way without comment. The managing editor of the Official Journal wrote me in part as follows, under date of September 14th, 1910, in reference to eliminating committees from our standing head. "You will note that we have abbreviated the A. P. S. heading. This we think is justified in view of the action of the Detroit Convention which practically placed the WEEKLY upon the same basis as other papers in so far as the publication of official matter is concerned." The matter was argued with him at some length without avail; and at about that time I also took up with him the curtailment of the Treasurer's report, writing him, in part, on November 4th, 1910, as follows: "Now that a new Treasurer's monthly report is due, I desire to take up with you in advance of its receipt the matter of its showing in the Official Journal * * *. I note with regret that the last report you cut very materially, not giving certain details that the Treasurer reported and that in my estimation are of particular interest to members, especially as they had that information all last year in your columns. I most earnestly protest against your cutting this report to the summary of balances. * * * The Treasurer's report being like the Secretary's, an exact proposition, he only should be the judge of what it should consist of." To this the following significant reply was received: "I note your protest against the curtailment of the monthly report of the Treasurer and in the kindest manner possible I want to maintain that the publishers of the Weekly must be privileged to exercise discretionary power over the matter that goes into the Weekly outside of the report of the Secretary and such official matter as is sent in by the President. In other words, reports of other officers and committees can be used only in so far as we feel they have news value to our readers. Of this we can be the judge." It did not seem to me that the figures given in the report referred to would be of sufficient general interest to warrant our using anything more than a summary of balances, and the right we have exercised must be accorded us if the relationship between MEKEEL'S WEEKLY and the Society is to be continued." Construing the last clause in that sentence to be equivalent to saying that if not allowed to publish only what the managing editor saw fit, including cutting what was sent to suit his own ideas, the entire reports of the Society would be eliminated, and believing that the threat would be carried out and that we had no way to force its prevention, and further being of the opinion that half a loaf was better than no bread at a time when it was particularly desirable to avoid contention in our ranks, I dropped the discussion, although a further successful attempt was later made in the case of the publishing of a certain specific report. At a subsequent date the

vice presidents, of their own initiative, took up the argument with the official journal as to the latter's duty, but accomplished no change of attitude or practice.

It will be recalled that in my annual report of last year I suggested that it might be well for the Society to seriously consider the advisability of publishing its official matter in a bulletin to be issued by itself. While I am still of the opinion that such will ultimately be a desirable thing for us to do, for financial and other reasons I consider that the time is not ripe for the attempt. The vote that has just been announced on the Official Journal for the ensuing year is, owing to the form in which it was placed on the ballot by the vice presidents, a contract binding the Society, for a year, as well as the publisher. Hence no legislation that might be passed at this, or any other Convention, affecting the future of the Official Journal could become operative for a year. This develops the fact that Article IX of the by-laws (in reference to the Official Journal) is faulty in that as it now stands it ties us up for a year against any operative change; that is, to change its operation we must always wait a year before the change can become effective. I do not consider this condition objectionable except in the possible emergency of the Society desiring or being forced by unfavorable or no offers from the philatelic press, to publish its own bulletin. By its not being able to do so except after an interval of a year from the time such contingency arises, might at some time in the future be a serious matter to the Society. Hence I recommend that this convention change the by-laws in question by the insertion of a clause that offers, or bids, from the philatelic press be subject to the single condition that the vote shall be inoperative if at the annual convention reporting the vote the Society shall legislate to publish its own Official Journal. This in no way commits us to any change in policy from that being followed at present, and is not in any way unfair to the elected journal so long as it was understood that the vote was conditional in the single particular mentioned. It might, incidentally, be the means of giving us better offers from would-be official journals.

Among our other achievements of the past year has been the issuing of Hand Book No. 2 on "Essays for United States Postage Stamps" by Edward H. Mason. I recommend that a Committee on Philatelic Hand Books be added to our list of permanent committees, and that the resolution under which the present special Hand Book committee is operating be incorporated in the by-laws. This will in no way commit the Society any more than at present to the publication of these books, but the resolution is a very conservative and safe one and should be placed where its specific provisions will not be lost sight of; aside from which I believe it will be to the Society's credit to have a permanent committee in the field to take advantage of opportunities for the continued issuing of Hand Books from time to time.

The Society is to be congratulated on the beginning of the publication in the American Philatelist of our long contemplated philatelic index. Its beginning argues so well for its becoming a standard work of the highest class that it is no wonder our editor urged that copies of its serial installments be struck off from the type as standing for the Quarterly, with the end in view that members who wished might obtain the parts for binding in book form when the index is completed. For financial reasons I did not feel warranted at the time in taking the matter up, but did receive a promise from the printer of the Quarterly that this index matter would be kept standing for a reasonable time pending any future determination that might be arrived at concerning a reprinting. I therefore respectfully refer the matter to the consideration of the incoming board of directors; in which connection their attention is called to what has been proposed in a somewhat similar case, as shown by the President's files for the fiscal year 1909-10 under "U. S. Stamp Catalogue" and under "Board of Directors."

Further congratulations are in order at the beginning of the publication, in the fourth number of our Quarterly, of the so-called Catalogue of United States Postage Stamps, but which early in the deliberations of the committee having its creation in charge, was given the appellation of "A Check List of the Adhesive Postage Stamps of the United States." I recommend that the membership committee on Catalogue of U. S. Postage Stamps be continued as at present except that on it the name of F. R. Cornwall be substituted for that of H. N. Mudge.

Inasmuch as the resolution under which the educational committee is working calls for its headquarters to be at Chicago and the President to be chairman thereof, ex officio, I recommend that said resolution be changed in regard to the headquarters of the committee, making the latter at St. Louis.

I recommend that the 25th anniversary committee be continued as at present until its labors are completed in connection with the stamp exhibition. I am aware that in making this recommendation it carries with it a self appointed, ex officio, chairman, which chairman would gladly lay down the burden and responsibility were it not for deserting his colleagues who have so staunchly supported him under strenuous circumstances, and were it not for the fact that at this stage of the business it would be difficult for a successor to get in touch with the situation. Under the circumstances I trust the blanket recommendation will not be deemed immodest as affecting the chairmanship of this committee. The disbursements of the 25th anniversary committee are practically but just begun, and many of those that will be required can be anticipated in amount but approximately. The contributions from the outside for the exhibition have been generous, but insufficient, it is anticipated, to meet all requirements; for, as has been evidenced by what you have seen at the informal opening of the exhibition at the Art Institute last evening, greater financial responsibilities have fallen to the lot of the committee than could be anticipated at the outset. Hence, in behalf of the latter I call attention to the fact that the Detroit Convention appropriated the sum of \$250 of the Society's money for immediate use in connection with its celebration, and that the committee has not yet drawn on that fund but expects to do so, and get it promptly, when needed. It hopes not to exceed the amount specified, and to possibly not use it all. In case of unanticipated necessity, however, I further call your attention to an additional phase of the legislation appropriating the amount specified, which was that the board of directors be authorized to appropriate, if necessary, additional sums to carry on the work of said committee as may be required from time to time." While it does not seem to me that the fact of this entire matter being applied in a new fiscal year in any way vitiates it, I deem it advisable to call attention to it in order that it may be re-enacted if in the estimation of the Resolutions Committee to whom it will be referred, or in the estimation of the stockholders, it may seem necessary.

Our celebration as originally planned was to include some special exercises appropriate to the occasion during the Convention; and it was also thought to have for distribution at the Convention an anniversary history of the Society. The first of these was abandoned after consultation with the Chairman of the Section of Anniversary Exercises for the reason that after considering how busy our Chicago hosts had laid out to keep us with their entertainment, the undoubted desire to spend as much time as possible at the stamp exhibition and the necessary hours to be devoted to the serious business of the Convention, the conclusion was reached that we would be thanked for not crowding more formalities into our already crowded days.

The Society history section of the committee has fulfilled their task as far as preparing the manuscript of our history for twenty-five years, the manuscript being from the pen of one than whom there is none better qualified to write the

story. When, however, the question of publishing it recently came before me I, frankly could not see that the money could be spared for it, and my suggestion was that it be published in the Quarterly. If properly captioned as the anniversary history, and the statement made in connection with such publication that it was especially prepared by the committee as a part of our birthday celebration, I am of the opinion that it will not only be received as such, but that it will be given more attention than if it had been produced at this time, when so many other things of interest are engaging us.

The Treasurer's report will show the financial side of the fiscal year that has gone into history. I was unable to obtain at the last minute exact figures that would enable me to make an accurate comparison with the year previous, but in a broad way the report shows that within a comparatively few dollars we have spent practically what we have received. Still, in fairness there should be added to the account the cost of the last Quarterly that has just been sent out, and the appropriation for the Anniversary Committee should be considered; in which connection, however, should also be noted the fact that our income has been reduced. Nevertheless, while our financial situation in the matter of running expenses against our necessary expenditures is not fully what should be desired, it is a great improvement over the previous year, hence, in my estimation, we have reason to be encouraged in the belief that we are on the right track and will ultimately have all balances on the proper side of the ledger.

A part of our loss of income this year was, of course, due to a decline in membership, but there was another cause for the shrinkage which should be remedied. Partially through misunderstanding of our combined dues and quarterly subscription blank, and partially, I am afraid it must be admitted, on account of a little thrift, there were a sufficient number of members who paid only 90 cents dues this year to appreciably affect our receipts. It was not anticipated that this would be the case when the present law in this matter was enacted at the last convention. The latter being a necessity growing out of the attempt to obtain second-class postage rates for the Quarterly, we being obliged to divorce the dues from the subscription price, it was confidently believed that we would practically receive the usual \$1.20. However, as there is now no reason why the 30 and 90 division should be made, I recommend that our by-laws be put back as they were previous to the change referred to, and that our dues be made \$1.20 per year, or 10 cents per month, with \$1.80 for foreign members, and that the Quarterly be sent free to all members in good standing.

And now fellow members, the time has come for the valediction. In the two years that it has been my honor to serve as your chief executive, it has so happened that there has fallen to my lot many strenuous hours, and at times much cause for anxiety. Through it all, however, whether in storm or sunshine, for there has been sunshine, especially when it was remembered that A. P. S. was the object of all efforts, there has been one bright predominating phase of my experience that has sustained, encouraged and gratified. I refer to the unbounded loyalty and courtesy that has been accorded me through my entire term of office from every direction. The response to any suggestion or assignment to task on the part of officers or committeemen has been cordial and effective; but better still has been the quiet but effective way in which the duties of the various departments have been performed without the call for supervision. Hence to harmonious and effective team work must be ascribed such meed of success as may be due the present administration. In correspondence and personal contact with the members at large I have also been strengthened, and deeply touched, by the courtesy and confidence that has been universally accorded me. It gives me great pleasure, therefore, in hereby assuring each and all—officers, committeemen and

the membership at large—that I have appreciated these expressions of good will, as well as deeds, and I welcome this opportunity to publicly thank you all. With sincere wishes for the future welfare of the American Philatelic Society,

Respectfully,

H. N. MUDGE, President.

The Chair: If there are no objections, that part of the report in regard to inserting in the By-Laws a clause in connection with the Official Journal, in regard to the Committee on Philatelic Hand Books and in regard to the changing of the dues to \$1.20, will be referred to the By-Laws Committee, and all other recommendations referred to the Resolutions Committee. If there are no objections, it will so stand.

The next order of business is the appointment of committees, and in that connection I will say that there are two committee rooms, 1817 and 1818, which are at the disposal of the committees that will be announced. They will be of particular value, I think you will find, to the Finance Committees.

In view of the fact that in the past the Treasurer's and Secretary's accounts are really enough work for any one committee, and that there are other relatively minor audits that have to be made, I have taken the liberty, with your permission, of appointing two Finance Committees, so as to divide the work. The first Finance Committee to have charge of the Treasurer's and Secretary's reports. The members are: Iver R. Johnson, Chairman; C. F. Mann, L. C. Hassler.

The second Finance Committee, who will take in other matters that may be referred to it are: Dr. W. P. Wherry, Chairman; T. C. Mann, Alvin Good.

Library Committee: C. A. Nast, Chairman; W. A. Sisson, O. S. Hart.

Sales Department Committee: Maj. F. L. Palmer, Chairman; P. McG. Mann, Frank J. Bescher.

Branch Societies Committee: Gen. C. A. Coolidge, Chairman; E. L. Fischer, Wm. Jerrems, Jr.

Resolutions Committee: F. R. Cornwall, Chairman; E. M. Rosenthal, L. G. Quackenbush.

Next Convention Committee: Eugene Doebelin, Chairman; W. G. Whittaker, Mrs. T. S. Farquharson.

By-Laws Committee: H. N. Mudge, J. N. Luff, W. C. Stone, Chester Myers, C. F. Heyerman.

The Chair: The reports of Officers are now in order, of which that of the Vice Presidents comes first. Mr. Cornwall or Mr. Myers.

The Vice President's Report was read by Mr. Cornwall.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VICE PRESIDENTS.

To the President and Members of the American Philatelic Society:

Your Board of Vice-Presidents report that the organization for the past year continued the same as the previous year, to wit, Frederick R. Cornwall, Chairman, Adalbert Strauss, and Chester Myers, Clerk.

The first meeting of the Board for this last term was held on September 13, 1910, since which time we have continued to hold meetings on Tuesdays of each week, when business required.

The minutes of these meetings have been kept, and copies are sent to the President, Secretary and Sales Superintendent for their information and instruction.

Each new matter presented for the Board's consideration is given a file number, and these are referred to in the transaction of old business, which is usually disposed of before new business is taken up. In this way it is possible to keep

a check on the business transactions so that there is little chance of matters not receiving attention.

We recommend to our successors a continuation of this system, which will be better understood when they receive the files and papers, which will be duly forwarded to them when they organize.

On the question of substitution:

The following analysis of warrants authorized for substitutions is instructive:

1908	2 claims	\$ 5.95
1909	22 claims	\$39.32
1909	(Recommended by old Board)	26.63 65.95
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1910	21 claims	79.92
1911	23 claims	66.82

The following is a list of claims for substitution which have been approved by us, and for which warrants have been authorized:

Robert Hughes	.....	\$ 1.08
R. E. Smith	.....	.87
Geo. R. Tuttle	.....	1.31
Dr. Homer Collins	.....	4.51
H. W. Legg	.....	1.07
L. G. Green	.....	2.30
Chas. Beamish	.....	2.52
A. S. Matter	.....	5.12
Geo. R. Tuttle	.....	5.05
Eugene A. Bresler	.....	3.74
Fleming Jones	.....	.85
F. W. Pickard	.....	2.95
B. V. Jenkins	.....	3.06
Robt. Koehler	.....	1.27
Geo. R. Tuttle	.....	5.05
B. V. Jenkins	.....	6.12
Edw. Christiansen	.....	4.30
Silas Chapman	.....	1.32
T. E. Flick	.....	1.97
Edw. Christiansen	.....	1.40
A. Yaremdji	.....	7.00
H. W. Legg	.....	.90
Chas. Beamish	.....	3.06

\$66.82

It will be noted that the number of claims for substitution (23) has increased this year over last, but the aggregate amount drawn from the insurance fund is less.

We recommend to our successors the enforcement of the present rules as to the method of mounting and identifying stamps placed in the department for circulation, which not only surrounds the stamps with safe guards, but enables the Board of Vice-Presidents to determine whether or not the claims of the owner of the stamp are warranted.

We have divided these claims into two classes, those under \$2.00 are set forth in a statement made upon the honor of the claimant, while those over \$2.00 have to be supported by an affidavit. We believe that this requirement is a just one, and should be continued.

We also recommend that our successors put into operation the practice of requiring the Sales Superintendent to paste a rider or insert in each book circu-

lated, offering a reward of \$10.00 for the proof of the guilt of any member indulging in the practice of substitution. We believe that this will be an incentive to the members to carefully scrutinize each book as it is received by them, and if a case of substitution is noted, the member so receiving the book should refuse to accept the same, returning it to the member whose name precedes that of the discoverer on the list.

In a flagrant case, it would be possible in this manner to eventually locate the substitutor and, when found, the Board of Vice-Presidents could take summary action in the matter. One or two instances of this kind would have the most gratifying and salutary effect upon the whole system. Publicity cannot help but benefit the society.

At the Detroit convention the Board of Vice-Presidents was authorized to continue its work in running down cases of substitution, and if any money was necessary to be expended in this work, it was to be authorized by the Board of Directors, See Page 78, No. 1, Volume 24 of the Year Book for 1910.

The insurance fund has been subjected to a heavy draft this year on account of circuits lost in a Post Office robbery between Ballston Spa and Rock City Falls, N. Y. It appears that three circuits East 75, 76 and 77 were duly registered and mailed properly addressed to the next member on the circuit, and, at a Post Office Transfer Station the registered mail was robbed and these three circuits included in the robbery. The member sending the circuits and in whose favor the register receipt was issued has taken the matter up with the Post Office Authorities and we have supplemented his efforts with our own, in an effort to effect a recovery, but up to the present time have not been successful. We recommend to our successors a continuation of these efforts. The Secretary was authorized to issue warrants in favor of the owners of books in the circuits for the following amounts less 12½% commission on each item, charging the same to the insurance fund:

EAST 75.

528	John Larsson	\$ 2.69
1427	F. W. Pickard	14.18
1632	C. G. Ferris	9.59
1669	H. A. Whipple	8.47
1685	W. P. Wherry	4.54
1691	F. L. Baker	15.76
1712	B. W. Laird	7.60
1730	A. W. Batchelder	100.73
2100	Charles Lehman	41.94
1727	A. W. Laraja	18.88

\$224.38

EAST 76.

1325	E. C. Dodd	\$11.13
1498	Wm. L. Wilcox	13.73
1359	A. Yaremdji	6.25
1856	John Larsson	6.21
1857	John Larsson	1.81
1858	John Larsson	2.56
2188	F. Noyes	23.79
2456	A. M. Kirtland	4.87
2517	C. Staub	12.12
2529	W. P. Wherry	5.61

\$88.08

EAST 77.

658	Charles S. Hibbard	\$ 5.76
668	A. Yaremdji	26.48
1343	A. Yaremdji	12.69
1376	John Larsson	4.67
1466	John Larsson	6.47½
2013	L. C. Ernst	18.72
2014	A. F. Cooke	27.41
2018	Rudolf Kronman	17.80
2599	C. Staub	11.64
2614	F. W. Pickard	27.89

\$159.53½

Your Board of Vice-Presidents also authorized the issuance of a warrant to cover its expenses for the year 1910 to the amount of \$14.82 as authorized at the Detroit Convention, covering postage and stationery. This was chargeable to the general fund.

Your Board has also authorized the Secretary to issue to the Sales Superintendent two warrants for \$25.00 each for two years' salary up to July 1st, 1911.

One unfortunate matter has arisen during our last administration and that is the refusal of the Official Organ to live up to what we understand was its agreement with the Society.

On June 8th, 1910, Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News wrote to us:

"Our paper will publish weekly such official matter as may be sent in, as it has in the past, making no charge whatever for the service."

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News was selected, by ballot, as the Official Organ of the Society and at the Detroit Convention the following resolution was adopted. (See Page 87, No. 1, Volume 24 year book):

"Resolved, that the Secretary is hereby instructed to supply Society matter to any publication, in addition to the Official Organ, applying for it, upon receiving assurances that such matter will be published in full as supplied, promptly and consecutively until the close of the fiscal year, without expense to the Society."

Redfield's Weekly applied to the Secretary for permission to print official matter, agreeable to the conditions of the above resolution, and, we understand has printed such matter emanating from the Secretary's office.

When your Board of Vice-Presidents sent to the Official Journal one of its quarterly reports and the quarterly report of the Sales Superintendent, the Official Journal refused to publish these, notwithstanding the fact that they did not emanate from the Secretary's office, which was a specific limitation contained in the resolution with respect to the publication of official matter by other papers.

On April 10th, 1911, the Official Journal, through its manager, wrote us as follows:

"In reply to your letter of April 8 I beg to say that it is true that MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS prior to the Detroit convention offered itself as a candidate as official journal for the A. P. S. It is also true that no contract has been made which makes plain our obligations to the society or the society's obligations to MEKEEL'S WEEKLY.

Until said contract has been written we maintain that we are justified in accepting the resolution presented by Mr. Johnson and adopted by the society as representing the full measure of our liability in the publication of official matter, and the letter and the spirit of that resolution we are prepared to live up to.

We believe that the members of the society will see the justice of our position upon a presentation of the facts as we have stated them in our correspondence with you and Mr. Mudge.

For the above reason we have published the report of Treasurer Wherry in condensed form, and maintain that our treatment of matter other than what is submitted by Secretary Barnum in accordance with the Detroit resolution should be such as would be in accord with our valuation of it from a news standpoint.

The fact is that instead of having one official organ, the society now has as many official organs as will comply with the Detroit resolution, and MEKEEL'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS is prepared to publish the same matter and no more than what appears in 'any publication' coming under the resolution referred to."

From the above letter, it will be noted that the manager of the Official Organ, selected by the ballot of the members, is in error in several important particulars. In the first place a contract was entered into which made plain the obligations of the official organ to the Society and the Society's obligations to the official organ. This contract was the written offer of Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News dated June 8, 1910, above quoted, which was accepted by a majority vote of the members. In the second place the manager of the official organ erred in his position that the Society has as many "official organs" as will comply with the condition of the Detroit resolution. There has never been but one official organ—Mekeel's Weekly Stamp "News."

The Detroit resolution, which we have quoted, said nothing about official organs, it being limited to the publication of official matter emanating from the Secretary's office, and not covering, nor was it intended to cover, official matter sent by other officers of the Society direct to the Official Journal and with which the Secretary had absolutely nothing to do. This other matter, such as the quarterly reports of the Board of Vice Presidents and Sales Superintendent, were never sent by the Board of Vice Presidents to any other paper for publication, but were sent to the official organ, which refused to publish them. We feel that our position should be explained in the matter and also that the position of the manager of the official organ, as set forth in his letter of April 10, 1911, should be fully understood in order that the members may know the facts.

Another question which we believe should receive the attention of members in convention is the continuation or discontinuation of the Branch Manager system as inaugurated by the present incumbent. The advantages of the system which favor its continuation are fully set forth in the report of the Sales Superintendent, and we recommend to the members a careful and thoughtful consideration of the favorable points advanced, because, we believe, that these points are well taken; but if the system is to continue it should be surrounded with proper safeguards. A case in point: A Branch Manager had difficulty with a member who failed to pay for stamps taken from circuits to the amount of \$56.26.

Referring now to the first report of this incident to the Board of Vice-Presidents by the Sales Superintendent, under date of January 17th, 1911:

This report says that a member owes the Sales Department \$56.26, and that the Branch Manager

"is responsible for the settlement of the account according to the rules of the Society: The custom in such cases that have come under my notice has always been that the Branch has paid the amount to preserve the good name of same and to back up its Branch Sales Manager. Then the Branch has gone to work, being familiar in every way with local conditions, and collected from the delinquent members.

"Mr. ———, as an individual, or as ——— Branch Manager, settled this \$56.26 in question last year, as he had made payment at the retirement of the circuits upon which Mr. ——— (the member) owed. * * * * *

"We were very much surprised upon receiving statement of sales from Mr. ——— on January 12th, 1911, amounting to \$123.16 and note that he had then deducted this \$56.26 (which had, as above stated, all been paid) from the January, 1911, remittance. We wrote objecting to this and making statement that we held him individually or the Branch responsible for the amount."

From the above it will be seen that the Branch Manager remitted the amount owed by the delinquent member, and thereupon, the debt of this member to the Society which was thus settled, became a personal matter between the delinquent member and the Branch Manager in which the Society had no interest. We wrote the Sales Superintendent concerning the above situation that, as this particular Branch Manager had been recommended by a Branch, the Sales Superintendent could either hold the Branch Manager personally responsible, or the Branch, if they had guaranteed his account; that the Society disclaimed responsibility either in the selection of the Branch Manager, or for his failure to remit the amount which he had collected and which had once been advanced to the Sales Superintendent out of his own pocket. It was then our impression, as it is now, that the Branch Manager, in handling the books and funds of the Society, occupies a different relation to the Society from a member who secures books for the purpose of making purchases therefrom. The Branch Manager becomes the agent of the Sales Superintendent, is paid a commission by the Sales Superintendent for the sales he makes, and his acts are therefore the acts of the Sales Superintendent. We therefore advised Mr. Parish that it seemed to us that he was responsible for the acts of his agents.

Further criticism is hardly necessary. If a Branch Manager defaulted in remitting funds collected by him to the Sales Superintendent the member purchasing the stamps could not be held responsible. Therefore, the Branch Manager, if the system is to continue, should be bonded, as well as the Sales Superintendent. The same would be true if the Sales Superintendent failed to remit to members amounts collected by him for the sale of stamps made through the department. While the Society would have to make good, the Society could collect on the Sales Superintendent's bond.

Another phase of the situation should be referred to. The Secretary of the Branch in question propounded the following questions to us:

1. "If the Sales Superintendent of the A. P. S. sends circuits of the Society to the Branch Sales Manager, who circulates them among members of the Branch, and a certain member takes stamps, but does not pay for same, who is responsible to the A. P. S. Sales Superintendent?

2. "If the Branch Sales Superintendent circulates them among A. P. S. members who have requested to receive them, but who

are not members of the local branch, and any of them take stamps and do not pay the local Sales Superintendent the amount due, who is again responsible to the A. P. S. Sales Superintendent?"

Following these questions the Branch wrote:

"Of course we understand that if we elect a Sales Superintendent, who collects for stamps sold from the circuit, and fails then to remit to the A. P. S. Sales Superintendent, that the branch might possibly then be held for the local Sales Superintendent's shortage."

This letter from the Branch in question is dated November 9, 1910, and was received by us before we received the report of the matter from the Sales Superintendent, which latter is dated January 17, 1911. It will be noted that the questions propounded to us by the Branch omit the important factor that the Branch Manager had advanced the money out of his own pocket to cover the shortage of the delinquent member and thereby made the debt of such delinquent member a personal debt to himself; and that the Branch Manager had subsequently, without authority, reimbursed himself out of funds belonging to the Society and which should have been sent in subsequent remittances.

We replied to the first question of the branch, as follows:

"We presume you mean to inquire—is the Branch Sales Manager responsible to the Sales Superintendent? The question of Branch Managers is one with which the Society has nothing to do. They are selected by the Sales Superintendent, and act as his agents. He pays them a commission for sales they make. The question of responsibility as between the member in default and the Branch Manager is one of the troubles of the Sales Superintendent with which this Board will not be concerned. We should say that in the particular case inquired about, the member in default should be treated as though his liability were to the Society direct, and if that member refused to pay the debts to the Society, he should be expelled by the Board of Directors, after the charges against him have been investigated. Certainly the Sales Superintendent and his agent, the Sales Manager, could not be held responsible for the defaultation of a member who applied for and obtained circuit books in the regular way."

Answering your second question:

"The answer to your first question answers this—as it makes no difference to the A. P. S. whether or not a member who received stamps and who refuses to pay for them is a member of the local branch or not.

For your information will say, when the A. P. S. consented to the Sales Superintendent selecting Branch Managers and utilizing them in the manner he has utilized them, it was with a distinct and express understanding that the Sales Superintendent would be responsible for the acts of his agent.

Holding him thus responsible, it makes no difference to the Society whether the Sales Superintendent sells a member stamps direct or through his agent. If a member received the stamps and refused to pay for them, the ultimate result is the same, and the Society is not concerned so much with how the member got the

stamps, as it is with the fact that the member owes the Society for the stamps, and if he refuses to pay the Society, after an effort has been made to collect the debt, then, in all probability, that member will be expelled. There is no question but what, if a member takes stamps and refuses to pay for them, that the owner of the stamps will have to be reimbursed out of the insurance fund."

If the Branch Manager system is to continue, our experience in the above incident teaches us that the system should be safeguarded as effectively as any other branch of the Sales Department. This is necessary, not only to protect the members whose stamps pass through the hands of Branch Manager, but to guard the insurance fund. Expelling a member after he refuses to pay for stamps owned by another member is not of any special benefit to the Society so far as dollars and cents are concerned. The Society has to pay for the stamps out of its insurance fund, and this means that each member of the Society contributes his share toward such payment. We do not want dead beats in the Society, but if we have to contend with them, let us do it in a business-like way by making the Branch Manager, as agent, or the Sales Superintendent, as principal, responsible for debts for stamps owing to them in the nature of personal obligations. The Branch Manager in particular, by reason of his personal contact with the purchasers of stamps, should not sell except for cash. If he sells on credit, then he takes a personal risk.

We believe that the Branch Manager system is largely responsible for the extensive substitutions for which the Society has had to pay during the past two or three years. Prior to the adoption of this system, claims for substitution were merely nominal. Coincident with the inauguration of the Branch Manager system, claims for substitution multiplied out of all proportion to the number of books in circulation and the value of stamps therein.

Realizing the advantages of the Branch Manager system, properly safeguarded, we do not recommend its discontinuation, but if it is to be continued let it be along conservative lines to protect the interests of the Society as well as members of the Society, and let proper by-laws be framed to govern and control its workings.

Another matter which has been suggested to us, and which we recommend to the attention of our successors, has to do with the admittance of new members to the Society. At present, the name of the applicant, together with his references, are published once, and then under the heading "Applications Pending," the name of the applicant is published for several weeks. If no protest is received by the Board of Vice Presidents, the applicant becomes a member as a matter of course. In several instances protests have been made to us after the applicant had been admitted to membership, because the protestants did not see his name in time. We therefore recommend that the Board of Vice-Presidents send a printed form to each reference inquiring about the applicant so that some information may be obtained which will guide them in either passing favorably upon the application or holding it up for further investigation. Under the present system, it is too easy for an applicant to become a member. No knowledge whatever is had of him, and none can be obtained except from voluntary protests. Being a member of the A. P. S. is equivalent to characterizing a man as possessing business honor and integrity. Stamps to the value of hundreds, and sometimes thousands of dollars are sent to members because they are members. Yet the Society itself, which ostensibly confers such high standing and financial responsibility, is in absolute

ignorance of the character of the applicants for membership and confers membership without question.

During our last administration we have had the usual complaints against members and have carefully investigated each and every one. In many instances satisfactory settlements have been effected while in others we have recommended expulsion to the Board of Directors, and where members have been expelled, the same has appeared in the Official Journal.

We have also in accordance with Section 11, Article 4, of our by-laws, requested all Branches to furnish us with a statement of the number of meetings held during the past year and a list of members in good standing at the time of making such report. Up to date, we have received very few replies. As the branches usually send their reports directly to the Convention, it may be that many will do so this year, and hence it would be unwise for us to criticise the branches for failure to comply with the by-laws. The purpose of our inquiry is to drop from membership branches not in good standing. We therefore recommend to our successors that they follow up the inquiry, and if a branch is not in good standing, it should be dropped from the rolls. In making this suggestion, it will of course be understood that every effort should be made to encourage the formation of new branches and to keep existing branches alive and active.

The stamps which have been sent to us in the cases of substitution have been turned over to the Sales Department to be sold for the benefit of the Insurance Fund. As we have no complete reports on these, we shall transmit to our successors all data concerning them so that they may see that the funds, when received, are properly placed.

During the past year we have expended in behalf of the Society \$3.50 for an electrotype of the A. P. S. emblem, so that it could be reproduced in the Official Journal in harmony with the resolution which brought it into existence. We have also expended \$19.50 in postage and stationery, making a total of \$23.00, and respectfully request that the Secretary be authorized to issue a voucher therefor, payable to the chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

F. R. CORNWALL, Chairman,
ADALBERT STRAUSS,
CHESTER MYERS, Clerk.

St. Louis, Mo., August 19, 1911.

To the Stockholders of the American Philatelic Society:

Gentlemen:—The undersigned members of the Board of Vice-Presidents of The American Philatelic Society, who have served for two years just closing, desire to supplement the final report of that Board by reporting to the stockholders the courtesies which have been extended by Mr. F. R. Cornwall, chairman, to the other members of the Board and to the Society, in placing his office, office appliances and stenographic service at their disposal, for the transaction of the business of the Board.

We feel happy in acknowledging the painstaking and decisive manner, tempered always with careful judgment with which Mr. Cornwall has administered his office as chairman of this Board.

For all this, we extend Mr. Cornwall our sincerest thanks.

ADALBERT STRAUSS,
CHESTER MYERS.

Mr. Schmalzreidt: I desire to take exception to that part of the report referring to the Sales Books that were sent to a certain Branch Manager and to the opinion of the Board of Vice-Presidents, at least in answer to the second proposition, because I do not believe that the Board of Vice-Presidents understood

the matter just as it is. In that connection I wish to say that the A. P. S. member who received these books and removed the stamps was not a member of the Branch Society—membership was refused him in that Society. The Society did not authorize the books to be sent to this A. P. S. member, but they were sent to this particular member by the Branch Manager upon the request and by the direction of the Sales Manager. The particular Branch Society having nothing whatever to say in the matter, in my opinion it certainly is either a question between the member and the Sales Manager, the Sales Manager and the Branch Manager, or for the American Philatelic Society. The Branch Society in question has never had anything to say in regard to furnishing books to this man. They were sent by direction of the officer of the American Philatelic Society, the Sales Manager, and for that reason I cannot see how the Board of Vice-Presidents or the American Philatelic Society, or any one, can expect the Branch Society to make good something regarding which they had nothing to say at any time.

The Chair: You wish that to become a part of the record, which is all that we can do in the matter at this stage. As I understand, you have made your protest, which will be duly put on record.

Mr. Schmalzreidt: I might add that the protest was made by me on behalf of the Branch and not as a personal matter.

The Chair: Make that also a matter of record.

That portion of the Vice Presidents' report pertaining to the Sales Department will be, if there are no objections, referred to the Committee on Sales Department. That portion of it referring to certain cash items, to the Resolutions Committee. The Sales Superintendent's report is a part of the Vice Presidents' report, and we will now have that.

Mr. Cornwall: Mr. Parrish wrote me the other day that he would not be here, but sent me his report; so if you will bear with me a few minutes I will read it.

REPORT OF THE SALES SUPERINTENDENT.

Philadelphia, Pa., July 1, 1911.

To the Board of Vice Presidents, American Philatelic Society:

Gentlemen:—I have the honor to tender herewith my annual report of the Sales Department for the year ending July 1, 1911.

The total sales for the year have amounted to \$7,868.00. Remittances have been received by months as follows:

Cash received in July, 1910	\$ 608.67
Cash received in August	709.32
Cash received in September	534.72
Cash received in October	400.90
Cash received in November	434.56
Cash received in December	462.45
Cash received in January, 1911	873.57
Cash received in February	548.88
Cash received in March	782.36
Cash received in April	1,000.59
Cash received in May	724.09
Cash received in June	787.89
Total	<u>\$7,868.00</u>

Quite a large part of the above total has come in through the operation of the Branch System, the total sales from this source for the year having amounted to \$4,180.64. The Branch Managers have been compensated for their work by a

commission of 2½% on the sales made through their respective Branches, said commission having come out of the general commission paid the Sales Superintendent. In addition to the above cash compensation, the Superintendent offered prizes of stamps for the four best results: 1st, \$10; 2nd, \$5; 3rd \$3; 4th, \$2; Scott's catalogue value according to want-list of the 19th Century. It has been a great pleasure to award the prizes as follows:

1. John W. Hazeltine, Philadelphia, Pa.....	\$1,028.83
2. Charles R. Morris and O. L. Ballard, Washington, D. C.....	438.04
3. Gustav Werner, Pittsburg, Pa.....	375.80
4. Theo. Siddall, Manila, P. I.....	340.07

In paying the cash commission to the Branch Managers, a minimum of \$100 for the year's work was set, so that a man undertaking the work would be more apt to continue seriously if there was some sort of a minimum required. It was also thought that competitive interest would be stimulated by additional prizes of stamps. The results secured by the Branch Managers during the year ending June 30th, 1911, have been as follows:

1. John W. Haseltine, Philadelphia, Pa.....	\$1,028.83
2. Charles R. Morris and O. L. Ballard, Washington, D. C.....	438.04
3. Gustav Werner, Pittsburg, Pa.....	375.80
4. Theo. Siddall, Manila, P. I.....	340.07
5. George B. Graham, Buffalo, N. Y.....	311.80
6. O. A. Schumann, Berkeley, Calif.....	283.71
7. W. C. Emery, Springfield, Mass.....	229.52
8. John F. Rust, Cleveland, Ohio.....	219.49
9. Dr. W. I. Mitchell, Wichita, Kas.....	164.07
10. Roger DeL. French, Louisville, Ky.....	147.99
11. R. E. Smith, Detroit, Mich.....	123.29
12. Fred Doughty, Saginaw, Michigan	116.63
13. T. C. Mann, St. Louis, Missouri.....	110.02
14. Don R. Bennett, Detroit, Michigan	102.91
15. Ross O'Shaughnessy, San Francisco, Calif.....	63.77
16. Carl W. Art, Spokane, Washington.....	51.32
17. William G. Noel and H. W. Protzmann, Milwaukee, Wis.....	33.93
18. A. W. Dunning, Boston, Mass.....	26.23
19. E. J. Crawford, Fresno, Calif.....	13.22
Total	<u>\$4,180.64</u>

For the most part, the Branch system has been considered very favorably from a business point of view, as well as from the point of view of the efficiency of distribution of stamps among members.

The question of responsibility for circuits sent out under the Branch System should receive the serious consideration of the Convention. There has been one case this year in which the responsibility for a debt of a member receiving circuits from the Sales Superintendent via the Branch Manager Route, is under discussion, which makes it clear that the relations of Sales Superintendent, Branch Manager and individual member should be more clearly defined in the by-laws or rules if the Branch System is to be continued. This will undoubtedly come up for discussion at the proper time. The experience of the present Sales Superintendent in handling circuits through Branches leads him to believe that the system is capable of great benefit to the Society from a number of points of view. First, it has been most universally commended by groups of collectors in cities and locali-

ties where it has been in vogue, because it has given the members in question a much larger variety of stamps at one time to select from; secondly, it has enabled one man under the instructions of his fellow members to send for such books and such circuits as would be most likely to arouse their interest. In the third place, a large saving in postage has resulted, as Branch circuits are passed from one member to another by hand. It has also served as an inducement for a large number of members to congregate at the meetings in order to look over the Sales Books. To follow out the benefits of the plan to the members of the American Philatelic Society at large, I might add that sales through the Branches have been such as to make a better market for the duplicates of the members placing their stamps on circuit. The plan has had for its aim the betterment of the system of sales and exchange among members. It goes without saying that a member in a certain locality knows the need of his fellow members much better than any Sales Superintendent located at a distance can ever hope to do. He can supply his fellow members with what they desire, and said members realize that the same result would be impossible of attainment through the Sales Superintendent located many miles distant.

It is a well known fact that many join the A. P. S. in order to get the benefit of the Sales Department, hence it is desirable to improve and advance this Department as much as possible,—to make it as attractive, comprehensive, safe and efficient as may be. The Department is really the backbone of the Society, its very life and one of its chief reasons for existence. To deal successfully with the five hundred odd men who are using the Department; to minimize the losses; to meet the needs and wishes of the majority; to give a business-like and equitable administration; to devise plans for the advancement and progress requires the best thought in the Society. For these reasons, we recommend your careful consideration of the Department in general and of the Branch System in particular.

The substitution evil, while costing the Society less this year in dollars and cents than last year by \$13.10, showed that claims were made by 23 members, as against 21 last year. New methods were adopted about a year ago in following up suspicious cases, which resulted in the dropping of two Branches and the cutting off from circuit of a number of undesirable members. For a time, there were very few claims made and we felt that most of the "weak spots" had been discovered. Toward the latter part of the year, however, claims became more numerous, with results as above. We should have been glad to have done more than cut off from circuit those suspected of substituting, but while in all instances we have been morally sure of the evil doers, the difficulty of absolutely proving guilt will be apparent. It is a serious thing to charge a man directly with theft through circumstantial evidence. Everyone who has sent out stamps on approval discovers from time to time that things do not look right when coming back from certain persons. We feel sure that theft had been committed, but to prove it acceptably to a court of law is quite another matter. The thing usually done is to discontinue further dealing with the party. Hence, we have not seen our way clear to state to the Board of Vice Presidents that members number So and So and So and So, are thieves and should be expelled. I could write a volume on cases of suspected thefts in my Philatelic experience, but I cannot think of any case where proof was sufficient to actually accuse a man, especially a man with whom the dealings were by mail.

We take pleasure in commending the work of our assistants in the Sales Department, Mr. Charles Beamish and Mr. Milton P. Lyons, Jr. The former for his expert accounting and financial work and the latter for his work in the circulating and mailing end. Both are A. P. S. members and have shown great interest and capability in the work of the Sales Department.

We have experienced some difficulty in the matter of delay on the part of some of the members of the Society in retaining circuits beyond the time allotted for their retention by the rules of the Society. It is clearly set forth that circuits shall be kept not over three days by members, and anything beyond this time causes the Department great inconvenience in many ways. We call special attention to the more detailed discussion of this matter in our last annual report.

In preparing the sales books for circulation in the Department, we again emphasize the desirability of having the catalogue number and value of each stamp given as well as the net selling price. When this is done, very much better results will be secured. Many of the members buying from circuits are busy men who will make good purchases only when the information desired is at hand, while they frequently pass stamps over where this information is lacking. Defective stamps should not be placed in the Department at any price. Stamps should not be placed on the backs of pages, and it will be necessary as in the past, to return books received in this condition without circulating them. Hinges that do not peel too readily are the best to use. Books should be allowed to remain in the Department at least a year, if possible, for, as a rule, satisfactory results cannot be obtained in less time.

We desire to state again this year that the Department is run entirely in the interests of the collector members of the Society, and while larger sales might result if we ourselves sold over the counter, it would be at the expense of giving members their proper proportion of fresh books, hence no sales are made in the office, nor does the Superintendent make purchases from the books.

The detailed statement for the year ending July 1, 1911, is as follows:

2455 books in circulation June 30th, 1910, priced at.....	\$45,542.80
2127 books received July 1st, 1910, to June 30th, 1911.....	34,448.69
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4582 books	79,991.49
1875 books returned to owners (Sales \$7,213.99), priced at.....	33,663.28
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2707 books	46,328.21
30 books lost P. O. Robbery at Balston Spa, N. Y.....	471.99
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2677 books in circulation June 30th, 1911, priced at.....	45,856.22

Cash Report.

July 1st, 1910, balance on hand	\$3,777.47
Cash received in July, 1910	608.67
Cash received in August	709.32
Cash received in September	534.72
Cash received in October	400.90
Cash received in November	434.56
Cash received in December	462.45
Cash received in January, 1911	873.57
Cash received in February	548.88
Cash received in March	782.36
Cash received in April	1,000.59
Cash received in May	724.09
Cash received in June	787.89

Total.....	\$11,645.47
1875 sales books returned (value \$33,663.28).....	7,213.99
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June 30th, cash on hand.....	\$ 4,431.48

Summary of cash on 1875 books returned to owners during the year ending June 30th, 1911:

Priced value, \$33,663.28	Total sales \$7,213.99
Cash remitted to owners	\$5,941.49
Value received; postage on books retired.....	90.69
Value received; blank sales books chg'd.....	28.90
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Commission to Sales Superintendent.....	902.26
Fines for counterfeits	17.56
Insurance	233.09
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Total.....	7,213.99

It will be noted that the sales from the retired books have amounted to 21.43%, which is a slight improvement over last year.

Insurance.

During the year there have been retired 1875 books priced at \$33,663.28, on which assessed insurance was as follows:

Month of August, 1910	\$ 29.30
Month of December	60.81
Month of March, 1911	51.06
Month of May	41.31
Month of June	50.61
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	\$233.09

which amounts have been remitted to the Treasurer of the A. P. S.

Respectfully submitted,

PERCIVAL PARRISH,
Sales Superintendent.

Mr. Cornwall: Your Board of Vice Presidents requested Messrs. Hand, Haseltine and Liebeck, of Philadelphia, to audit the account for the Sales Department. They write:

Philadelphia, Pa., August 11, 1911.

Board of Vice Presidents, A. P. S.,

F. R. Cornwall, Chairman, 806 Chemical Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sirs:—Having been requested to act as a committee to examine into and audit the accounts of the Sales Department for the year ending June 30th, 1911, we the undersigned members of the A. P. S. beg to report that, having looked into all these accounts carefully, hereby certify that they are entirely correct and in accordance with the report as submitted to you for the year by Mr. Percival Parrish.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) FORREST P. HAND,
JOHN W. HASELTINE,
FRED LIEBECK.

This is a true copy.—Percival Parrish.

Mr. Cornwall: In addition to that, I have the certificate from the bank as to the amount on hand as mentioned in the report.

First National Bank,

Philadelphia, Pa., August 17, 1911.

To whom it may concern:

This is to certify that Mr. Percival Parrish, Sales Superintendent, has on deposit with this bank the full sum of four thousand, four hundred thirty-one dol-

lars forty eight cents (\$4,431.48), which he advises us is not to be drawn upon until after September 1st, 1911, and it is our understanding that said fund is not to be disturbed until that date.

Respectfully,

THOS. W. ANDREW,
Cashier.

Girard Trust Co.

Philadelphia, Pa., August 18th, 1911.

Percival Parrish, Esq., Sales Superintendent, Philadelphia, Pa.:

Dear Sir:—In response to your inquiry, I beg to advise you that the balance to the credit of your deposit account with us at 9 A. M. August 18th, 1911, amounted to \$928.65.

Yours truly,

C. W. STEWART,
Treasurer.

The Chair: If there are no objections, that portion of the report referring to the Sales Department as a whole will be referred to the Committee on Sales Department and the financial portion of the report will be referred to the Second Finance Committee, of which Dr. Wherry is chairman; and I wish to call his attention to that fact, as he was not here when I announced that Committee. We will now have the Secretary's report.

The Secretary read his report.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY FOR THE YEAR 1910-1911.

Cleveland, Ohio, August 19, 1911.

To the Directors and Members, American Philatelic Society:

Gentlemen:—As a statement covering the workings of our Society, insofar as this office is concerned, from August 14, 1910 to date, I beg leave to submit the following:

During the past year no new Branch charters have been applied for. The charters of the District of Columbia Branch, No. 36, and Los Angeles and Southern California Branch, No. 35, have been annulled, the former at the request of the officers of said Branch and the latter on account of the membership dropping below the limit allowed by our by-laws. The current year's dues have not been paid by New England Branch No. 20, Colorado Branch No. 22 and Philippine Branch No. 33, and these Branches therefore stand suspended but, as yet, the charters have not been annulled.

Number of Branch Societies in good standing, 18. This is a net loss of five for the year.

In giving the customary recapitulation of the changes in membership, it is useless for me to attempt a comparison with last year's statement, as the records came into my possession in such incomplete form that such a comparison is impossible to make intelligently. However, I am pleased to say that the following is a correct record for the past year:

New Stockholders admitted	142
Reinstated (memberships lapsing prior to 1910)....	11
Reinstated (memberships lapsing March 1, 1911)...	28
Deaths reported	10
Resignations accepted	82
Membership August 19, 1911.....	1574

It is necessary, in this connection, to explain that the list of lapsed memberships, as issued by me March first of this year, containing 338 names, very evidently included many who had already ceased to be members at some prior date but of which there was no record in my possession, so that our loss in this manner was considerably less than indicated by this figure.

As customary, I am pleased to give credit to the following members for procuring applications, the number following names being the number of applications presented by each:

Hugh M. Clark.....8	Wm. C. Webb .....1
W. H. Barnum .....8	Geo. B. Graham .....1
P. M. Wolsieffer .....6	H. W. Doscher .....1
W. O. Wylie .....6	G. A. Grafe .....1
C. F. Heyerman .....6	C. S. Davis .....1
I. C. Greene .....5	J. W. Haseltine .....1
F. J. Beschler .....4	Benj. Lichtenstein .....1
H. S. Adair .....3	W. S. F. Pierce .....1
Ross O'Shaughnessy .....3	D. T. Eaton .....1
E. P. Seebohm .....3	C. B. Roulet .....1
Iver R. Johnson .....3	O. F. Saunders .....1
Chas. R. Morris .....3	L. H. Kjellstedt .....1
A. C. Stewart .....3	E. L. Sanderson .....1
Casper Staub .....3	H. W. Mercer .....1
J. M. Bartels .....2	J. C. Perry .....1
O. S. Hart .....2	J. B. Newton .....1
P. McG. Mann .....2	E. Doebelin .....1
P. H. Ward, Jr. ....2	Geo. R. Tuttle .....1
W. C. Stone .....2	W. M. Swan .....1
Gustav Werner .....2	G. C. Cuenod .....1
Jas. Guy .....2	John Pfalz .....1
Percival Parrish .....2	K. Plympton .....1
Theo. Siddall .....2	Max. F. Bier .....1
H. C. Crowell .....2	H. W. Boers .....1
F. B. Griffith, Jr. ....2	Robert E. Ramsay .....1
L. G. Quackenbush .....2	H. C. Beardsley .....1
Ben G. Green .....2	Louis Lazos .....1
Rasmus Bartleson .....2	Carl Walliser .....1
W. A. Sisson .....1	A. J. McKelvey .....1
Geo. K. Smith, Jr. ....1	Ed. W. Smith .....1
H. L. Taite .....1	C. G. Herbert .....1
Basil G. Butler .....1	Wendover Neefus .....1
Thos. L. Hosmer .....1	J. S. Davis .....1
W. P. Wherry .....1	V. Mozian .....1
L. P. Dodge .....1	A. F. Cooke .....1
Robt. Scyces .....1	Alvin Good .....1
W. C. Phillips .....1	E. Y. Parker .....1
H. C. Beck .....1	L. F. Potter .....1
C. A. Coolidge .....1	W. C. Emery .....1
Fred Michael .....1	J. R. Miller .....1
R. H. Beatty .....1	Eugene Telfer .....1
F. B. Kirby .....1	Eugene Klein .....1
D. D. Berolzheimer .....1	W. W. Randall .....1
Joseph Stern .....1	Edward Howard .....1
Dr. W. L. Babcock .....1	Robt. H. Page .....1

I regret to report the following deaths from among our membership, these names having been reported since the last convention:

LaTourette, Philip, New York, N. Y.
 Thomson, J. P., Toronto, Canada.
 Memelsdorf, L. W., Denver, Colo.
 Lindsay, Rev. John, Haliburton, Canada.
 Hunt, David, Jr., Detroit, Mich.
 Collins, S. G., Galveston, Tex.
 Warner, Edward L., Evanston, Ill.
 Carroll, Jas. J., Baltimore, Md.
 Bernichon, Jules, Paris, France.
 Jansen, Chas. O., Paterson, N. J.

The following money was received by the Secretary, during the fiscal year 1910-11, and remitted by him to the Treasurer:

	STOCK	GENERAL	SUBSCRIPTION	EXCHANGE	SUSP.	TOTAL
September, 1910	\$15.00	\$27.10	\$ 9.20	\$0.20	\$0.40	\$51.90
October	15.00	20.15	7.30	...	...	42.45
November	9.00	9.10	3.50	.10	.40	22.10
December	17.00	27.05	6.40	...	...	50.55
January, 1911	13.00	17.70	5.30	.50	...	36.50
February	4.00	8.85	3.50	...	...	16.35
March	18.00	38.90	11.90	.40	1.80	71.00
April	13.00	12.60	5.70	...	.60	31.90
May	2.00	2.60	.90	.10	...	5.60
June	8.00	5.80	2.95	...	1.00	17.75
July	12.00	11.70	3.20	...	6.20	33.10
August	2.00	.20	.30	...	...	2.50

The following warrants have been drawn on the Treasurer since the last annual report:

Aug. 11, 1910	No. 539	H. S. Adair, Editor, Deposit on No. 3 Quarterly....	\$ 19.67
Aug. 31, 1910	No. 540	H. S. Adair, Secy., Convention Expense	29.77
Aug. 31, 1910	No. 541	H. S. Adair, Editor, Postage, 1909-10	3.89
Aug. 31, 1910	No. 542	H. S. Adair, Secy., Postage August, 1910	4.76
Aug. 31, 1910	No. 543	H. S. Adair, Secy., Clerk Hire, August, 1910.....	16.66
Sept. 17, 1910	No. 544	Co-Operative Press, Assessment Notices.....	12.00
Sept. 17, 1910	No. 545	I. R. Johnson, Expense 13 days, Columbus.....	23.50
Sept. 17, 1910	No. 546	R. C. Munroe, Expense Hand Book Committee.....	5.20
Sept. 17, 1910	No. 547	L. Harald Kjelltedt, Expenses June-August, incl....	1.88
Sept. 17, 1910	No. 548	Calvert-Hatch Co., Secy's Stationery	18.50
Sept. 17, 1910	No. 549	Geo. Donaldson, Convention Stenographic Services..	69.40
Sept. 26, 1910	No. 550	Calvert-Hatch Co., 500 Acknowledgement Cards....	3.25
Sept. 26, 1910	No. 551	C. W. Kissinger & Co., Premium, Secy's Bond.....	2.50
Sept. 26, 1910	No. 552	Calvert-Hatch Co., Vice-Presidents' Stationery.....	5.75
Sept. 28, 1910	No. 553	Hann & Adair, Envelopes and Addressing same....	4.36
Sept. 28, 1910	No. 554	Hann & Adair, Printing, etc., Vol. 23, No. 4.....	72.54
Sept. 28, 1910	No. 555	H. A. Cameron, Premium, Treasurer's Bond.....	15.00
Oct. 1, 1910	No. 556	W. H. Barnum, Clerk Hire, September.....	16.66
Oct. 1, 1910	No. 557	W. H. Barnum, Expenses Aug. 20-Sept. 30.....	16.33
Oct. 1, 1910	No. 558	Douglas Ptg. Co., Treasurer's Stationery, etc.....	9.75
Oct. 2, 1910	No. 559	Robt. Hughes, for substitution	1.08
Oct. 2, 1910	No. 560	R. E. Smith, for substitution.....	.88

Oct. 2, 1910	No. 561	Percival Parrish, Salary to July 30.....	25.00
Oct. 2, 1910	No. 562	G. R. Tuttle, for Substitution	1.31
Oct. 2, 1910	No. 563	Dr. Homer Collins, for Substitution.....	4.51
Oct. 2, 1910	No. 564	H. W. Legg, for Substitution.....	1.07
Oct. 2, 1910	No. 565	L. L. Green, for Substitution.....	2.30
Oct. 8, 1910	No. 566	W. P. Wherry, Expense July-September	59.96
Oct. 12, 1910	No. 567	W. P. Wherry, Transfer to Suspense Acct.....	47.20
Oct. 24, 1910	No. 568	W. H. Barnum, to open Special Secy's Acct.....	100.00
Nov. 2, 1910	No. 569	S. D. Childs & Co., Permanent Ledgers, etc.....	113.75
Nov. 2, 1910	No. 570	Poole Bros., 1000 Subscription Forms	3.50
Nov. 2, 1910	No. 571	L. H. Kjellstedt, Vols. 13-16 London Phil.....	9.76
Nov. 2, 1910	No. 572	L. H. Kjellstedt, Dues and Publ's Literature Soc..	10.22
Nov. 2, 1910	No. 573	Chas. Beamish, for Substitution	2.52
Nov. 2, 1910	No. 574	A. S. Matter, for Substitution.....	5.12
Nov. 11, 1910	No. 575	W. M. Linn & Sons, 2000 Membership Cards.....	22.00
Nov. 11, 1910	No. 576	Calvert-Hatch Co., 3000 Application Blanks.....	29.00
Nov. 11, 1910	No. 577	Hann & Adair, Express on Library Catalogues.....	2.07
Dec. 3, 1910	No. 578	L. H. Kjellstedt, Postage Sept.-Nov.....	1.79
Dec. 3, 1910	No. 579	Hann & Adair, 2M Env., 118 Stencils & Addressing	6.34
Dec. 3, 1910	No. 580	W. H. Barnum, Clerk Hire & Expense Oct.-Nov.....	71.90
Dec. 10, 1910	No. 581	I. R. Johnson, Donation Educational Committee.....	50.00
Jan. 8, 1911	No. 582	W. H. Barnum, Clerk Hire and Expense December..	27.45
Jan. 8, 1911	No. 583	W. P. Wherry, Treasurer's Expense Oct.-Dec.....	25.62
Jan. 8, 1911	No. 584	Hann & Adair, Envelopes and Addressing Lib'y Cat's	6.80
Jan. 16, 1911	No. 585	R. E. Gerspacher, Refund on Stock, rejected app...	1.00
Jan. 16, 1911	No. 586	R. E. Gerspacher, Refund Dues, rejected application	1.00
Jan. 22, 1911	No. 587	W. H. Barnum, Advanced Hann & Adair, Postage..	17.94
Jan. 28, 1911	No. 588	C. F. Heyerman, Expense Recruiting Com. to Jan. 19	41.70
Jan. 28, 1911	No. 589	Douglas Ptg. Co., Treasurer's Notices.....	13.00
Jan. 28, 1911	No. 590	W. H. Barnum, Adv. Hann & Adair, Postage No. 1..	56.95
Feb. 4, 1911	No. 591	Poole Bros., Printing for President's Office.....	5.35
Feb. 4, 1911	No. 592	Hann & Adair, 2200 Vol. 24 No. 1, American Phil....	323.59
Feb. 4, 1911	No. 593	W. H. Barnum, Clerk Hire and Expenses, January..	25.45
Mar. 1, 1911	No. 594	Hann & Adair, Postage 80 copies No. 1 Am. Phil....	4.00
Mar. 1, 1911	No. 595	E. A. Bresler, for Substitution.....	3.74
Mar. 1, 1911	No. 596	Calvert-Hatch Co., Stationery, C. A. Howes.....	6.00
Mar. 1, 1911	No. 597	W. H. Barnum, Clerk Hire and Expense, February..	22.12
Mar. 5, 1911	No. 588	L. H. Kjellstedt, Postage Dec. 10-Feb. 11.....	1.64
Mar. 15, 1911	No. 599	C. A. Howes, On Acct. Editor's Salary.....	50.00
Apr. 4, 1911	No. 600	Hann & Adair, Postage 48 copies No. 1 A. P.....	2.40
Apr. 4, 1911	No. 601	Fleming James, for Substitution .....	.85
Apr. 4, 1911	No. 602	W. H. Barnum, Clerk Hire and Expense, March....	22.72
Apr. 12, 1911	No. 603	Void.	
Apr. 12, 1911	No. 604	F. W. Pickard, Stamps Lost in P. O. Robbery.....	12.41
Apr. 12, 1911	No. 605	C. G. Ferris, Stamps Lost in P. O. Robbery.....	8.40
Apr. 12, 1911	No. 606	H. A. Whipple, Stamps Lost in P. O. Robbery.....	7.41
Apr. 15, 1911	No. 607	W. P. Wherry, Advanced subs. to German Publica's	18.08
Apr. 15, 1911	No. 608	W. P. Wherry, Stamps Lost in P. O. Robbery.....	3.95
Apr. 15, 1911	No. 609	F. L. Baker, Stamps Lost in P. O. Robbery.....	13.79
Apr. 15, 1911	No. 610	B. W. Laird, Stamps Lost in P. O. Robbery.....	6.65
Apr. 15, 1911	No. 611	A. W. Batchelder, Stamps Lost in P. O. Robbery....	88.14
Apr. 15, 1911	No. 612	Chas. Lehman, Stamps Lost in P. O. Robbery.....	36.70
Apr. 15, 1911	No. 613	A. W. Laraia, Stamps Lost in P. O. Robbery.....	16.52

Apr. 15, 1911	No. 614	E. C. Dodd, Stamps Lost in P. O. Robbery.....	9.74
Apr. 15, 1911	No. 615	E. Noyes, Stamps Lost in P. O. Robbery.....	20.82
Apr. 15, 1911	No. 616	Void.	
Apr. 15, 1911	No. 617	A. M. Kirtland, Stamps Lost in P. O. Robbery.....	4.26
Apr. 15, 1911	No. 618	C. Staub, Stamps Lost in P. O. Robbery.....	10.61
Apr. 15, 1911	No. 619	W. P. Wherry, Stamps Lost in P. O. Robbery.....	4.91
Apr. 15, 1911	No. 620	C. S. Hibbard, Stamps Lost in P. O. Robbery.....	5.04
Apr. 20, 1911	No. 621	L. C. Ernst, Stamps Lost in P. O. Robbery.....	16.38
Apr. 20, 1911	No. 622	A. F. Cooke, Stamps Lost in P. O. Robbery.....	23.98
Apr. 20, 1911	No. 623	C. Staub, Stamps Lost in P. O. Robbery.....	10.21
Apr. 20, 1911	No. 624	F. W. Pickard, Stamps Lost in P. O. Robbery.....	24.40
Apr. 20, 1911	No. 625	John Larsson, Stamps Lost in P. O. Robbery.....	21.36
Apr. 20, 1911	No. 626	Wm. L. Wilcox, Stamps Lost in P. O. Robbery.....	12.01
Apr. 20, 1911	No. 627	A. Yaremdji, Stamps Lost in P. O. Robbery.....	39.74
Apr. 20, 1911	No. 628	Rud. Kronmann, Stamps Lost in P. O. Robbery.....	15.58
Apr. 24, 1911	No. 629	F. W. Pickard, for Substitution.....	2.95
Apr. 24, 1911	No. 630	B. V. Jenkins, for Substitution.....	3.06
Apr. 24, 1911	No. 631	Harry E. Pyke, Stock Refund, applica'n with drawn	1.00
Apr. 24, 1911	No. 632	Harry E. Pyke, Dues Refund, application withdrawn	1.00
Apr. 25, 1911	No. 633	Robt. Koehler, Damage to Stamps.....	1.27
Apr. 29, 1911	No. 634	Herbert Maass, Refund Demanded on Stock.....	1.00
Apr. 29, 1911	No. 635	Calvert-Hatch Co., Printing and Binding Warrants..	7.25
May 5, 1911	No. 636	Geo. R. Tuttle, for Substitution.....	5.05
May 5, 1911	No. 637	W. H. Barnum, Clerk Hire and Expense, April.....	22.10
May 5, 1911	No. 638	Hann & Adair, Postage 29 copies No. 1 A. P.....	1.45
May 6, 1911	No. 639	W. H. Barnum, adv'c'd to N. O'Connor, Spec'l Head'g	30.00
May 17, 1911	No. 640	W. P. Wherry, Salary for one year and expense Jan-May incl. Membership Liter're Soc.....	43.32
May 17, 1911	No. 641	F. R. Cornwall, Expense Board of V-P's, Aug. 15, '10	14.82
May 28, 1911	No. 642	B. V. Jenkins, for Substitution	6.12
May 28, 1911	No. 643	W. P. Wherry, Account E. Christianen, for Substit'n	4.30
May 31, 1911	No. 644	W. H. Barnum, advanced Hann & Adair postage on No. 2, Vol. 24.....	52.84
May 31, 1911	No. 645	W. H. Barnum, Clerk Hire and Expense, May.....	21.53
June 24, 1911	No. 646	Hann & Adair, 4M Election Env. and address'g 1600	10.57
June 24, 1911	No. 647	Hann & Adair, Postage on Odd Quarterlies.....	1.36
June 24, 1911	No. 648	Hann & Adair, Changes in Stencil Mailing List....	.80
June 24, 1911	No. 649	I. R. Johnson, Advanced for Secy's Rubber Stamps..	1.20
June 24, 1911	No. 650	L. H. Kjellstedt, Postage March-May, inclusive.....	1.22
June 24, 1911	No. 651	Silas Chapman, for Substitution.....	1.32
June 24, 1911	No. 652	T. E. Flick, for Substitution.....	1.97
July 1, 1911	No. 653	Hann & Adair, Quarterly No. 2, Ptg. & Mail'g comp.	188.52
July 1, 1911	No. 654	Poole Bros., Envelopes for President.....	2.00
July 1, 1911	No. 655	W. M. Linn & Sons, Proxy and Call Blanks.....	13.25
July 1, 1911	No. 656	W. H. Barnum, Clerk Hire and Expense, June.....	38.63
July 11, 1911	No. 657	Hann & Adair, Changes in Stencil Mailing List....	4.98
July 11, 1911	No. 658	Calvert-Hatch Co., Ballot Blanks.....	9.50
July 23, 1911	No. 659	Hann & Adair, Addressing 1500 Env., Hand Book..	1.55
July 23, 1911	No. 660	Hann & Adair, Postage on Odd Quarterlies.....	1.14
July 23, 1911	No. 661	Hann & Adair, Quarterly No. 3, Complete.....	129.09
July 23, 1911	No. 662	W. H. Barnum, advanced to Hann & Adair Postage on No. 3.....	26.74
July 23, 1911	No. 663	W. H. Barnum, Clerk Hire July—Expense July 1-23	20.36

July 31, 1911	No. 664	W. H. Barnum, Advanced W. M. Linn Postage on Handbook No. 2, 1565 @ 2c.....	31.30
July 31, 1911	No. 665	Emil Remscehl, Refund demanded on Stock, (not yet cleared)	1.00

As voted at the last convention, A Current Expense Fund has been carried by me, and was opened November 1, 1910, by depositing Warrant No. 563, amounting to \$100.00, with the Citizens Savings & Trust Co., of Cleveland. The following emergency checks have been drawn against this account to be replaced later from our general funds. The balance in this Current Expense Fund being \$100.00, as shown by letter attached hereto from the Trust Co.

Checks Drawn—

Hann & Adair, Postage on Library Catalogues.....	\$17.94
Hann & Adair, Deposit for Postage, No. 1 Quarterly.....	56.95
N. O'Connor, 4000 Heading for Permanent Record.....	30.00
Hann & Adair, Postage for No. 2 Quarterly.....	52.84
W. M. Linn & Sons, Postage on No. 2 Handbook.....	32.30
Hann & Adair, Postage on No. 3 Quarterly.....	26.74

During the course of my incumbancy of this office certain changes and improvements have suggested themselves, and I beg leave to submit these to your attention:

FIRST—The discrepancy in subscription charged domestic and foreign members. When the present arrangement was made, the twenty cents excess charged foreign members was to cover the supposed difference in postage on the American Philatelist. However, as we failed to receive the privilege of second class postal rates, it has been necessary to mail the publication as third class matter. This rate, to any country, is the same as on domestic mail. If it is your wish to continue under the present plan, I urge that all members be put on the same basis.

SECOND—Resolution adopted at the Atlantic City convention, instructing the Secretary to publish the list of members dropped for non-payment of dues, by number only. The fallacy of this resolution having been proven, at least to my satisfaction, I ask that same be rescinded and the Secretary be allowed to publish names in full, as formerly. The records, for the past two years, prove that fewer delinquents are reclaimed than under the old system.

THIRD—The by-law making it obligatory for Branch Societies to admit none but A. P. S. members to their membership militates against the organization of new branches, and usually means that Branches now in existence are secondary to the independent societies in the same localities, several simply retaining charters for political purposes. I ask that this convention take some recognition of this condition with a view to remedying it.

FOURTH—A by-law should be adopted naming a definite time for nominations to close prior to an annual election. By making this ninety days in advance of the election sufficient time would be allowed the Board of Vice Presidents to properly prepare the forms for the ballot and other blanks, and also the proper printing of same, and still conform with the present by-law demanding the mailing of such forms at least sixty days prior to the election, as, under existing conditions, this is impossible.

I desire to express my appreciation of the uniform courtesy shown me by officers and members alike, and especially thank Treasurer Wherry, without whose aid I probably never would have been able to have put the membership list in accurate shape.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. BARNUM,
Secretary.

Cleveland, Ohio, August 21, 1911

W. H. Barnum, Hotel LaSalle, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:—We enclose herewith cancelled check and statement of your account as secretary, showing a balance to your credit this day of \$100.00.

Yours very truly,

J. N. CLARK,
Auditor.

The Chair: If there are no objections, the financial part of the Secretary's report will be referred to Finance Committee No. 1. His reference to foreign dues is practically covered, I think, in another recommendation that will be handled by the By-Laws Committee, but in order that there may be no mistake, that portion of his report will be referred to the By-Laws Committee. That with reference to Branch Societies, to the Branch Society Committee. The portion pertaining to the publishing of delinquents will be referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

The next in order of business will be the report of the Treasurer, Dr. W. P. Wherry.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Omaha, Nebr., August 19th, 1911

H. N. Mudge, President:

The following is my report for the year 1910-1911:

Stock Fund.

Receipts—

From W. H. Barnum	\$138.00
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Disbursements—

Voucher No. 585.....	\$1.00	
Voucher No. 631.....	1.00	
Voucher No. 634.....	1.00	
Voucher No. 665.....	1.00	4.00

Cr. Bal. for year	\$134.00
Cr. Bal. forwarded	3,598.66

Cr. Bal.	\$3,732.66
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Suspense Account.

Credit Balance to Date.....	\$45.90
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General Fund.

Receipts—

Interest on Bonds	\$ 100.00
Dues	1,440.23
Subscriptions to Quarterly	422.69
Reinstatements	11.00
Advertising, Vol. 23.....	135.50
Advertising, Vol. 24.....	91.50
Incidentals	1.35

\$2,202.27

Disbursements—

Vouchers—

No. 540	.....\$ 29.77
No. 541	..... 3.89
No. 542	..... 4.76
No. 543	..... 16.66
No. 544	..... 12.00
No. 545	..... 23.50
No. 546	..... 5.20
No. 547	..... 1.88
No. 548	..... 18.50
No. 549	..... 69.40
No. 550	..... 3.25
No. 551	..... 2.50
No. 552	..... 5.75
No. 553	..... 4.36
No. 554	..... 72.54
No. 555	..... 15.00
No. 556	..... 16.66
No. 557	..... 16.33
No. 558	..... 9.75
No. 561	..... 25.00
No. 566	..... 59.95
No. 567	..... 47.20
No. 568	..... 100.00
No. 569	..... 113.75
No. 570	..... 3.50
No. 571	..... 9.76
No. 572	..... 10.22
No. 575	..... 22.00
No. 576	..... 29.00
No. 577	..... 2.07
No. 578	..... 1.79
No. 579	..... 6.34
No. 580	..... 71.90
No. 581	..... 50.00
No. 582	..... 27.45
No. 583	..... 25.62
No. 584	..... 6.80
No. 586	..... 1.00
No. 587	..... 17.94

Vouchers—

No. 588	..... 41.70
No. 589	..... 13.00
No. 590	..... 56.95
No. 591	..... 5.35
No. 592	..... 323.59
No. 593	..... 25.45
No. 594	..... 4.00
No. 596	..... 6.00
No. 597	..... 22.12
No. 598	..... 1.64
No. 599	..... 50.00
No. 600	..... 2.40
No. 602	..... 22.72
No. 607	..... 18.08
No. 632	..... 1.00
No. 635	..... 7.25
No. 637	..... 22.10
No. 638	..... 1.45
No. 639	..... 30.00
No. 640	..... 43.32
No. 641	..... 14.82
No. 644	..... 52.84
No. 645	..... 21.53
No. 646	..... 10.57
No. 647	..... 1.36
No. 648	..... .80
No. 649	..... 1.20
No. 650	..... 1.22
No. 653	..... 188.52
No. 654	..... 2.00
No. 655	..... 13.25
No. 656	..... 38.63
No. 657	..... 4.98
No. 658	..... 9.50
No. 659	..... 1.55
No. 660	..... 1.14
No. 661	..... 129.09
No. 662	..... 26.74
No. 663	..... 20.36
No. 664	..... 31.30

\$2,232.51

Def. Bal. for Year	\$ 30.24
Def. Bal. Forwarded	732.87

Total Deficit Balance	\$763.11
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Insurance Fund.

Receipts—

From Sales Superintendent	\$233.09	
Chester Myers, from sale of Substituted Stamps	2.80	\$235.89

Disbursements—
Vouchers—

No. 559	\$ 1.08
No. 560 .....	.88
No. 562	1.31
No. 563	4.51
No. 564	1.07
No. 565	2.30
No. 573	2.52
No. 574	5.12
No. 595	3.74
No. 601 .....	.83
No. 604	12.41
No. 605	8.40
No. 606	7.41
No. 608	3.95
No. 609	13.79
No. 610	6.65
No. 611	88.14
No. 612	36.70
No. 613	16.52
No. 614	9.74
No. 615	20.82

Vouchers—

No. 617	4.26
No. 618	10.61
No. 619	4.91
No. 620	5.04
No. 621	16.38
No. 622	23.98
No. 623	10.21
No. 624	24.40
No. 625	21.36
No. 626	12.01
No. 627	39.74
No. 628	15.58
No. 629	2.95
No. 630	3.06
No. 633	1.27
No. 636	5.05
No. 642	6.12
No. 643	4.30
No. 651	1.32
No. 652	1.97

\$462.43

Def. Bal. for Year.....	\$ 226.54
Cr. Bal. Forwarded	1,430.97
Cr. Bal. Forwarded	\$1,204.43

Exchange Account.

Receipts during Fiscal Year	\$20.35
Disbursements .....	.37
Cr. Bal.	19.98
Cr. Bal. Forwarded	54.25
Cr. Bal.	\$74.23

Summary of Balances.

Stock Fund	\$3,732.66
Suspense Account	45.90
Insurance Fund	1,204.43
Exchange Account	74.23
	\$5,057.22
General Fund Deficit	763.11
Net Total	\$4,294.11

Resources.

Bonds	\$2,612.34
Cash	1,682.77
	\$4,295.11
Less Voucher No. 665 issued but not cleared through bank	1.00
	\$4,294.11

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. WHERRY, Treasurer.

The Chair: If there are no objections, the report will be referred to the First Finance Committee. Dr. Wherry, you were not here, but I announced that there were two finance committees, of which you are the chairman of the second.

The next is the report of the International Secretary, Mr. L. Harald Kjellstedt. The report of the International Secretary was read by the Secretary.

REPORT OF THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY.

Scranton, Pa., August 1, 1911.

To the Members of the American Philatelic Society:

Gentlemen:—During the year now closing our advertising in the *Vertrauliches Korrespondenz Blatt* has had four inquiries from Germany, two from Austria, one from Sweden, one from Finland, and one from Turkey in Asia. These have been replied to by personal letters.

The foreign societies which are corresponding members of our Society have sent their periodical publications to our Library.

Our Society was appointed a member of the Committee of Honor of the International Philatelic Exhibition at Vienna, and also appointed a member of a similar committee of the Philatelic section of the International Exhibition of Turin, Italy.

I wish to point out that the Philatelic Society of Sweden, born four days later than the American Society, will celebrate its twenty-five years jubilee at Stockholm September 16, 17 and 18. I would recommend that our Society recognize the occasion by a message of good will.

The "Internationaler Schutz Liga für Philatelisten" is a lately formed protective association of philatelic societies in continental Europe. I have received communications from this League urging the A. P. S. to become a member. As yet, I have not been furnished with such particulars as would justify me in making any recommendations.

This league, as well as German, Austrian, Scandinavian and Swiss societies in general are at present engaged in a concerted effort to stay the business of a well known Swiss manufacturer of "facsimiles" of desirable, obsolete postage stamps. In a periodical, published by this manufacturer, he gives a list of his foreign agents, and the agent for the United States is located at Minneapolis, Minn. It will thus be seen that this arch enemy of sound philately is extending his operations into our own country.

I have been in friendly correspondence with the Philatelic Society of St. Petersburg, Russia, and beg to recommend that this earnest and well known society be elected a corresponding member of our own Society.

Before closing, I beg to extend my thanks to the President, the Secretary, and the Board of Vice Presidents for their kind and courteous co-operation.

Considering our subscriptions to the Philatelic Literature Society, and the *Vertrauliches Korrespondenz Blatt* are continuous until revoked by the Society, I make no recommendations in this respect. Very respectfully,

L. HARALD KJELLSTEDT.

Scranton, Pa., August 2, 1911.

W. H. Barnum, Secretary, Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Barnum:—In connection with my recommendation to elect the St. Petersburg Philatelic Society a corresponding member, kindly read the convention the following communication received today from the President of the Russian Society, Mr. M. Ssanin, and dated July 19th:

"I have the pleasure to inform you that at the next meeting of our Society, which takes place September 18, after the summer holidays, I shall propose that

your Society be elected a corresponding member, and I am sure that the proposal will be carried unanimously." Signed M. Ssanin, President.

Respectfully yours,

L. HARALD KJELLSTEDT,
International Secretary.

ADDENDUM TO REPORT OF INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY.

Scranton, Pa., August 4, 1911.

Dear Mr. Barnum:—If you can, please incorporate in report that Mr. Paul Vahl, of Germany, has presented our Library with a copy of his large catalogue and handbook. I received Part I today. Please see that my little recommendations are acted upon by the convention. Sincerely yours,

L. HARALD KJELLSTEDT.

The Chair: If there are no objections, the report will be referred to the Committee on Resolutions:

The report of the Librarian will be read by the Secretary.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

Pittsburgh, Pa., August 17, 1911.

To the Secretary of the American Philatelic Association,
1812 East 105th Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

Dear Sir:—In the absence of the librarian, Mr. Craver, I beg to present the following report of the library of the Association during the past year.

The library now contains 481 volumes, of which 89 volumes have been added during the last year. Mr. A. G. Burgoyne has made the library a gift of 44 volumes, 21 of which consist of unbound volumes of periodicals. The publication of the "want list" last year has had good results, as several of the missing numbers of periodicals, noted in that list, have been contributed during the year. It is hoped that members of the Association will continue to help the library complete its magazine files.

Very truly yours,

E. M. WILLARD,
Librarian in Charge.

The Chair: If there are no objections, the report will be referred to the Committee on Library. We will have the report of the Assistant Librarian.

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.

Pittsburgh, Pa., August 16, 1911.

To the Board of Directors, American Philatelic Society.

Gentlemen:—I take pleasure in reporting that, owing to the painstaking management of the A. P. S. library by the authorities of the Carnegie Library, matters have moved very smoothly during the past year. The publication of the catalogue of books has been a great help, lessening materially the demands of members upon the Assistant Librarian and enabling an easy circulation of the books sought.

Donations are still scarce and I would urge, therefore, that all publishers of works on philately be stimulated to present copies thereof to the Library. The consequent advertising in the catalogue and otherwise would amply compensate them.

It is very desirable that the Society should renew the fund for the purchase of

books and of missing numbers of periodicals noted in the want list issued by the Librarian. In this matter, the Librarian, Mr. Craver, might wisely be permitted to exercise his discretion, drawing upon the treasurer as money is needed.

Respectfully submitted, ARTHUR G. BURGOYNE,
Assistant Librarian.

The Chair: If there are no objections, that report will be submitted to the Committee on Library. There is no report of the Attorney and no report of the Counterfeit Detector. We will hear the report of the Examiner of Sales Books.

The report of the Examiner of Sales Books was read by the Secretary.

REPORT OF THE EXAMINER OF SALES BOOKS.

Philadelphia, Pa., August 11, 1911.

To the President and Members of the American Philatelic Society.

Gentlemen:—Since my appointment as Examiner of the Sales Department, 1013 books have been entered in the Department, from which have been removed 87 counterfeits.

Since the last report a total of 114 counterfeits have been removed from the 2126 books received, for which \$22.10 in fines has been collected.

I have noticed a number of counterfeits of the 1878 issue of Guatemala as well as the Jubilee Bulgaria. Some dangerous counterfeits of the Cuba stamps surcharged on United States are being offered with double surcharges. There have been very few new counterfeits in circulation. The counterfeits which predominate are the following:

Hamburg reprints and originals with false cancellations. Turkey first issue and 1876-82, Persia first type and 1879, Switzerland Cantonals, Japan first and second issues, Servia second issue, Cuba Y $\frac{1}{4}$, Guadalajara, Cyprus first issue, Argentine 1862, Transvaal first type, Romagna. The most dangerous counterfeits I have seen are the 1fr, 2frs and 5frs black, France Unpair. These are splendidly done, and I believe are the work of a certain dealer residing in Switzerland. I have also noticed an excellent counterfeit of the Russia Levant 1865, 2kr brown and blue. The genuine stamp is quite rare and few collectors possess it, but a comparison of the counterfeit with the genuine shows a decided difference in the shade of the blue and somewhat poorer workmanship.

Respectfully submitted, W. T. CLEMENT,
Examiner of Sales Books.

The Chair: If there are no objections, that report will be referred to the Committee on Sales Department. The next report closes the reports of appointed officers. After it has been read, it will, perhaps, be a good time to adjourn. The report is that of the Editor. I know how hard it is to continue reading, and to relieve the Secretary I will read it for him.

REPORT OF THE EDITOR.

Boston, Mass., August 11, 1911.

Mr. H. N. Mudge, President American Philatelic Society, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:—I present herewith a report as Editor of the "American Philatelist" for the period August, 1910, to August, 1911.

I received my notice of appointment as Editor, by vote of the Board of Directors, on September 8, 1910, and immediately began upon plans for the fiscal year, during which Volume XXIV of the "American Philatelist," commonly called the "Quarterly," was to be published. At the President's suggestion, I was relieved of any supervisory work upon the Convention Report, to appear in No. 1, from the

very nature of the case. But the business management having been placed in the Editor's hands, it was necessary to wage a campaign for advertisements. A selection of sixty-five of the most prominent and supposedly most promising advertisers was made from the columns of the contemporary press, and all were addressed on the subject. The result has been that 17 of the above number are represented in our columns by contract, together with an "exchange ad." with the Philatelic Society of Sweden.

Letters were also written, as directed by the By-Laws, "inviting literary contributions from the membership," with what success the pages of the Quarterly will show. The contributions, however, had already been under way by direction of the Society, the long expected Philatelic Index and the Check List of United States Stamps. It is most gratifying to report the beginning of the publication of each of these valuable compilations in the Volume just closed.

The first number, as has been customary, was quite late in appearing, due partly to the new rules of the Post Office Department in requiring separate returns for subscriptions, apart from dues, and partly to the desire to make as good a showing as possible with the subscription list in the effort to get second class rates. The latter were finally refused, after the appearance of No. 1. The Editor's contributions to No. 1, due to the usual giving over of this number to the Convention report, were confined to a few editorials.

The second number, delayed of course by the late appearance of the first, and also by the effort to retain as many names on the membership list as possible after the usual midwinter "clearance," because of non-payment of dues, contained more literary matter. Two articles, by President Mudge and Ex-President Luff, appeared, with the Editor's contribution, and the first installment of the Philatelic Index was given. The latter must necessarily occupy a considerable space in any number in which it appears, because of its length and the time which will therefore be required to complete it. But it will be a monumental and most valuable work when completed, and the Society is to be congratulated upon the first launching of the "long felt want" of Philately under its auspices.

The third number gained on its lost time, but in the endeavor to issue it quickly it was not as full of literary matter as intended, particularly because of the withdrawal of an article on hand due to later information which required re-writing a portion of it. The leading article, however, was a most interesting dissertation upon the Civil War Envelopes, a subject which we do not remember to have been written up before, and while "not philately" is yet so closely related that it cannot fail of appreciation by a majority of the membership. Mr. Nast's entertaining manner of handling the subject, accompanied by a half-tone plate of illustrations from his own collection, made a most excellent article. The Philatelic Index was continued, but it was found impossible to complete even the list of magazines indexed in this second installment. It may be remarked in passing that this magazine list is a valuable one in itself, as it is the only alphabetical list of all the philatelic periodicals in the English language from the earliest times to our day, and is therefore a necessity for philatelic literature collectors.

The fourth number is in press at date of writing, with the promise of the printers to issue it a week before the Convention. It will thus be measureably close to its date of publication, and will complete the volume within the year. A number of valuable contributions will be found therein, including a historical review of the U. S. Stamp Book Issues by our International Secretary, Mr. L. Harald Kjellstedt, and the first installment of the U. S. Check List. The Editor feels that this number is an earnest of his efforts to provide a creditable literary number or the "American Philatelist," as far as present circumstances will allow. That it can be made much more representative of the Society admits of no doubt, and a

continual striving toward this end should be maintained; but it must be understood that the co-operation of our members is not only desired but required toward that end.

It must be stated that the late appearance of the first number has made it impossible for the Editor to make quarterly returns to the Treasurer of receipts for advertising. Statements have been mailed for each number soon after its appearance, and returns for Nos. 1 and 2 to the amount of \$91.50 were remitted to the Treasurer previous to closing the books. Returns for No. 3 are coming in and will be remitted when the Treasurer's books are again open. The total of the paid advertising for the year amounts to \$268.75. It must be remarked that the fact of the magazine being a quarterly, as well as its somewhat restricted circulation and the somewhat erratic issue of its numbers, militates against its value as an advertising medium, which the replies of some who were approached brought forcibly home to the Editor. But one of these phases can be corrected under present conditions, and that is the irregularity of issue. Though somewhat out of his province, because due to Convention and Membership List matter, and yet directly affecting his work, the Editor respectfully suggests the consideration of this point with a view to its correction.

On the whole the year has been fairly satisfactory from the Editor's point of view, and it is to be hoped that the membership will feel some satisfaction in the progress of the magazine toward their ideal. But let it be urged once more upon them that with the hearty co-operation and assistance of all of them a vast amount more can be accomplished.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. HOWES, F. R. P. S.,

Editor.

The Chair: If there are no objections, that portion of this report referring to finances will be referred to Finance Committee No. 1.

Mr. Severn: As Chairman of the Entertainment Committee I wish to say that room 1816 on the floor below will be open from 1 o'clock to 1:25. We will then proceed immediately to this room where, sharply at 1:30, the official photograph will be taken in this room. For the excursion in the evening the members will be personally conducted from the hotel to the dock. The specially chartered boat "Petoskey" will leave promptly at 7:30. Many of the members who are acquainted with Chicago will go directly to the dock, but there will be a number of members here who will take in charge those who do not know the direction. The boat will be at the north end of the Clark St. bridge on the west side.

General Coolidge then made a motion to adjourn to 1:30, which was seconded and carried.

SESSION OF TUESDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 22nd, 1911.

The Second Session was called to order by the President, Mr. H. N. Mudge.

The Chair: The first business is the report of committees. We will now hear the report of the Committee on Philatelic Literature, which will be read by Mr. William C. Stone, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE PHILATELIC LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

1910 — 1911.

To the American Philatelic Society:

Your committee begs leave to present the thirteenth annual report.

The greatest event of the year, from a literature point at least, was the appearance of the long awaited "CATALOGUE OF THE PHILATELIC LIBRARY OF THE EARL OF CRAWFORD," which was published in April by The Philatelic

Literature Society of London. Through the generosity of Lord Crawford, after a certain number of copies were printed for private distribution, the Society was allowed to use the plates before the type was distributed. An edition of 300 was printed, 100 copies being reserved for members of the society and 200 for sale at \$7.87 (for members), \$10.50 (others). The work was compiled by Mr. E. D. Bacon, and consists of 923 pages, two columns to the page, size 14x10½ inches. As everything contained in the library is noted, from the smallest piece of paper to the largest book, this at once becomes the reference book on philatelic literature.

America has not been backward this year, as is attested by the appearance of Mr. C. A. Howes' splendid work, "CANADA—ITS POSTAGE STAMPS AND POSTAL STATIONERY." Published by the New England Stamp Co., Boston, Mass., in three editions, bound in paper \$3.00, cloth \$4.00, De Luxe \$10.00. This is a history of the Canada Post Office and all stamp issues from the beginning to date.

Another fine American publication is "BARTELS' CATALOGUE AND REFERENCE LIST OF THE UNITED STATES STAMPED ENVELOPES, WRAPPERS, LETTER SHEETS, AND POSTAL CARDS, ALSO THOSE OF THE PHILIPPINES, PORTO RICO AND CUBA," FOURTH EDITION, Compiled and Revised by Victor M. Berthold. Published by J. M. Bartels Co., 99 Nassau St., New York, two editions, cloth \$3.00, De Luxe (20 copies) \$10.00. Issued January, 1911. To those who collect these envelopes this work is indispensable.

In October, 1910, appeared No. 10 of the Stanley Gibbons Philatelic Handbooks, "A STUDY OF THE STAMPS OF URUGUAY," by Hugo Griebert. This, like the Fiji handbook issued last year, is the same size and form as the publications of the Royal Philatelic Society. Besides many illustrations throughout the work there are seven plates of photographic illustrations. Published by Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., 391 Strand, London, W. C. or New York, 198 Broadway: Buenos Aires, 571 Rivadavia; two editions, paper cover price \$3.87, De Luxe (half red morocco) \$6.37.

Another English publication, "HANDBOOK OF THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF SWITZERLAND," from the German of Ernst Zumstein, reprinted from the Philatelic Record, forming No. 6, The Philatelic Record Handbooks, appeared during the Fall of 1910. This handbook differs from the others of this series as it resembles the Royal Society's publications, only being smaller, 10½x7 inches. Published by The Philatelic Record, copies may be procured from Mr. P. J. Evans, 124 Brownhill Road, Catford, London, S. E., England; 300 copies were issued, price 87c. Still another of these handbooks will appear shortly, "The Postage Stamps of Sweden, 1855-1905," being the English translation of the Sweden Society book (this publication was begun in "The American Journal of Philately," Vol. XIX, 1906, and never completed on account of the demise of that Journal) is now appearing in the Philatelic Record as a serial, and as soon as completed will form No. 8 of this series.

Stamp Lover Booklets No. 3, "CAYMAN ISLANDS: THEIR STAMPS AND POST OFFICE," by D. B. Armstrong (in collaboration with C. B. Bostwick and A. J. Watkin), reprinted from the Stamp Lover. Published by Junior Philatelic Society, to be had from Mr. H. F. Johnson, 44 Fleet St., London, E. C., England, price 50c net.

To the series of Postage Stamp Handbooks has been added No. VII, "HOW TO START A PHILATELIC SOCIETY," by F. J. Melville; VIII, "ROMANCE OF POSTAGE STAMPS," by F. J. Melville; IX, "PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND," by R. E. R. Dalwick; X, "WORLD'S STAMP ERRORS," by Miss Fitte, Part I, British Empire; XI, "WORLD'S STAMP ERRORS," Part II, Foreign Countries. Published by W. H. Peckitt, 47 Strand, London, W. C., England, price 15c each or \$1.36 for complete set of eleven.

A new set of stamp books entitled *The Stamp Classics* has been started by the appearance of No. 1, "THE QUEEN'S HEAD," by James Hannaway and W. H. Wills, reprinted from *Household Words* (1852). No. 2, "THE PENNY POSTAGE ACT," promised soon. Published by W. H. Peckitt, price 15c each. These are edited by F. J. Melville.

The Melville Stamp Books, No. 13, "PORTUGAL," was announced as in the press some time ago. Others promised are "KING EDWARD VII STAMPS," "UNITED STATES POSSESSIONS," and "ST. HELENA."

"POSTAGE STAMPS OF SARAWAK," by Arthur Grellier, has been reprinted from *Stamp Lover*, Vol. II, Nos. 11 and 12 (April and May, 1910) to be had from the author 12 Mertin's Road, Wavery Park, London, S. E., price 8c in stamps.

"W. E. P." Series of Philatelic Handbooks, announced as in the press, Nos. 6 and 7, "SIERRA LEONE" and "BERMUDA," by B. W. H. Poole. Published by D. Field, 4 and 5, The Royal Arcade, Old Bond St., London, W., price 15c each.

"THE DICTIONARY OF PHILATELIC TERMS AND PHRASES," has been published in book form by Mr. L. Upcott Gill, Bazaar Bldgs., London, W. C., reprinted from Bazaar, Exchange & Mart, price 36c, 1911.

Another American publication that ought to have a large sale is "THE WONDERLAND OF STAMPS, (A STORY FOR BOYS AND GIRLS)" by W. Dwight Burroughs, September, 1910. Published by Frederick A. Stokes Co., New York, price post paid \$1.64.

A work omitted from our report last year and which appeared in April, 1910, is "WALTER MORLEY'S CATALOGUE & PRICE LIST OF THE REVENUE STAMPS OF THE BRITISH COLONIES Including Railway Stamps," second edition. The first edition was published in November, 1895. This second edition is a much more pretentious work, being larger and bound in green cloth. To be had from W. Morley, 325, Brownhill Road, Catford, London, S. E., price \$1.25.

"THE FUTURE OF AUSTRALIAN PHILATELY," Edited and Published by Courtenay Smith, Rest Haven, Roseville, Sydney, N. S. W. Is a handbook of 80 pages, describing Australian Philately. Two editions, (1) Subscribers' (only 100 copies issued and will be scarce), (2) Second, price 62c. Another small work is announced for publication in April by same author "STAMP HINTS," a handbook for beginners, price 25c.

"PERFORATIONS GALORE, or the Last Word (to date) on the PERFORATIONS of the HOLLAND & COLONIES STAMPS," by A. J. Warren, published by Stanley Gubbons, Ltd. for private distribution, none for sale.

Then there is that fine little example of the printer's art "POLAND HISTORICAL & PHILATELIC," given as a *souvenir* at the last A. P. S. convntion. Compiled by George K. Smith, Jr., Henry S. Adair, George W. Linn, and published by "The Stamp Collector," Columbus, Ohio. To be had at 50c.

Messrs. C. Nissen & Co., 52, Chancery Lane, London, W. C., have added the Eighth Edition of "THE STAMP COLLECTORS' ANNUAL for 1911." This is fully up to past years, and has as usual the index of the 1910 papers. Price 29c.

"ENDLE'S DIRECTORY" (formerly Nunn's) 22nd Edition, 1910-1, was published in November. To be had from Messrs. C. J. Endle & Co., Boscombe, Bournemouth, England, price 12c.

At last the long expected handbook of the Royal Philatelic Society, "THE POSTAGE STAMPS, ENVELOPES, WRAPPERS, POST CARDS, AND TELEGRAPH STAMPS OF NEW SOUTH WALES," by A. F. Basset Hull, is to appear this year in two parts. Part I is probably ready, as it was in the press in April. This will be one of the (if not the greatest) works on any philatelic subject yet issued, as a committee composed of the following experts, Messrs. E. D. Bacon,

M. P. Castle, L. L. R. Hausburg, and R. B. Yardley, has been engaged in revising and amplifying this work as prepared by Mr. Hull, since 1902. With Part I there are sixteen full page plates, besides numerous illustrations throughout the work. To be had from the publishers, Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., 391 Strand, London, W. C. Only 500 copies of this work were printed, of which 300 are reserved for members of the Society. Price \$15.62, post free and registered.

The "YEAR BOOK OF THE UNITED STATES REVENUE SOCIETY," IV Edition, was published in December, 1910. This is a pamphlet of 27 pages, and contains a list of members and the yearly reports.

"YEAR BOOK OF THE PHILADELPHIA STAMP CLUB," appeared in 1910, dated 1909-10, 38 pages and cover. Contains, besides History of the Club, list of members, etc., a catalogue of the library. Also comes with it "STATUTES," eight pages and cover.

"ANNUAL YEAR BOOK OF THE SOUTHERN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION," 2nd Edition, mentioned in report last year, is a pamphlet of 30 pages, contains list of members, constitution, and report of the Annual Convention of 1909. This is for sale to non-members at 10c, R. L. Doak, West Lafayette, Ohio.

Mention has not heretofore been made in these reports of the third revised edition of Hinton's Hints on Stamp Collecting, which was brought out between two and three years ago. The committee has recently received a copy from the author for presentation to the A. P. S. library. It is published by E. Nister, 26 St. Bride St., E. C., London, and sells for 36 cents.

A few of the larger price lists are well worth mentioning, Scott Stamp & Coin Co., 1911, 80 pp; Philadelphia Stamp Co., 1911, 80 pp. & Sup. 8 pp.; Bridger & Kay, London, 1911, 60 pp; Century Stamp Co., Montreal, 1911, 93 pp.

Literature Collectors have this year, besides the great Catalogue of the Earl of Crawford's Library, our own library catalogue, viz: "CARNEGIE LIBRARY OF PITTSBURGH. BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY OF THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY," consisting of a pamphlet of 20 pages, 9x6 inches, with a supplement want list of 6 pages. Can be had of the library at 5c. Also "CATALOGUE OF HANDBOOKS, JOURNALS, ETC., IN THE LIBRARY OF THE HERTS PHILATELIC SOCIETY AT CHRISTMAS, 1910," compiled by J. C. Sidebotham, to be had of The Herts Philatelic Society, 29, Holland Villas Road, Kensington, London, W., price 15c. This consists of 53 pages and is a very valuable little catalogue.

Other small works are:

"PHILATELIC PIKERS," by Reformer, Pub. by Victor A. Trowles, 951 Dovercourt Road, Toronto, Can., price 10c.

"CANAL ZONE STAMPS," by William Evans. Reprinted from "Stamp Journal" and pub. by Clarence P. Dekay, Florida, N. Y., price 25c.

"STAMPS OF MARS," a humorous handbook on the interesting stamps of this planet, and is the result of careful research conducted by the author's imagination. Pub. by L. P. Miller, 1622 Penn St., Harrisburg, Pa., price 10c.

"PRICED CATALOGUE & REFERENCE LIST OF THE RETOUCHE DIES OF THE 2 CENT ENVELOPES, 1903 ISSUE," compiled and published by Bryant Pollard, Proctorsville, Vt., 2nd Edition, price 10c.

"STEPPING STONES TO STAMP COLLECTING," A handbook for Beginners, by J. T. Baber. Pub. by Watkins & Steele, 5245 Magnolia Ave., Chicago. Price 10c.

"WALTER MORLEY'S PRICE LIST FOR SPECIALISTS OF THE 1d. BLACK 1840 POSTAGE STAMP OF GREAT BRITAIN ISSUED MAY 6th, 1840," pub. by W. Morley, 325, Brownhill Road, Catford, S. E., London, July, 1910, price 12c.

"A LIST OF BRITISH AND BRITISH COLONIAL STAMPS ISSUED FROM JAN. 1901 TO APRIL 1911," Sixth Edition, pub. by Stanley Gibbons, Inc., 198 Broadway, New York, price 25c.

So far this report has mentioned those publications that have appeared in the English language only. Among the foreign publications might be mentioned:

"DIE POSTWERTZEICHEN DER RUSSISCHEN LANDSCHAFTSAMTER," published by the St. Petersburg section of the Dresden Society, under the direction of C. Schmidt and A. Faberge. Part VII appeared during October, 1910, being pages 225 to 236. These are for sale at \$1.50 a part.

"YVERT & TELLIER CATALOGUE DES TIMBRES ET ENTIERES DE FRANCE ET DES COLONIES FRANÇAISES." This catalogue, which is now in its fifth edition, published in April, 1911, is virtually a handbook on stamps and entières of France and her colonies, listing everything, including reprints, essays and proofs. To be had of Messrs. Yvert & Tellier, 37, Rue des Jacobins, Amiens, France, price 70c.

"EIN BEITRAG ZUR ABSEMPELUNGSFRAGE." Ein Rublick, Umblick, Ausblick, by Dr. T. Pirl, published by The Charlottenburg Philatelic Society. This work treats of the obliteration question (1) postmarked to order; (2) cancellation by fancy postmark; (3) obsolete stamps cancelled by a later postmark; (4) forged cancellations. Printed for private distribution. Not for sale.

"BERLINER BRIEFMARKEN KATALOG," Tiel III, Afrika, 1910-11. This is Part III of the Philipp Kosack General Katalog, and treats of the stamps of Africa. Parts I and II appeared last year. Can be had from Philipp Kosack, Burgstr. 12, Berlin C., price 12c.

"EUROPA KATALOG." This is an 180 page catalogue of the stamps of Europe and costs 16c, address, E. Zumstein, Bern, Switzerland.

"ILLUSTRIERTER BRIEFMARKEN-NORMAL-KATALOG," 1911. Published by Paul Kohl, Chemnitz, Saxony, Germany. Price 75c. Postage extra. This catalogue is the second edition of Paul Kohl's Illustrated Standard Catalogue published by him for the different German Philatelic Societies. This, of course, only treats of the normal varieties of stamps. His Grosser Katalog is announced for 1911, 9th Edition, in two volumes. The first will appear in July, the second in the fall.

"(DIE) CHINESISCHEN PRIVATPOST-MARKEN," by Dr. Rommel. A pamphlet of 53 pages. This treats, as the title says, of the local post of China. Published by the author, to be had for 36c, address, Bohlitz-Threnperg, bei Leipzig, Germany.

"CHINA, SEINE POST UND SEINE FREIMARKEN," 1878-1910. Published by Paul Kohl (G. m. b. H.), Chemnitz, Germany, as a supplement to his paper, "Mittellungen der Firma Paul Kohl," in five parts. 63 pages plus 7 pages of introduction, etc. Subscription to magazine 75c. Compiled by P. Kleeburg.

"HANDBUCH ALLER BEKANNTEN NEUDRUCKE," by Capt. P. Ohrt, was continued as a supplement to Senf Bros. "Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal." Part I of this was also published in 1907 in book form, Part II has been promised the first part of this year, but, as far as we know, has not yet appeared. To be had from the author.

"FREYSE'S EUROPA KATALOG," 1911. Published by Gustav Freyse, Hanover, Germany, 6th Edition, sent free. 128 pages.

"PREIS-LISTE, 1911, DER BRIEFMARKENHANDLUNG," 64 pages, and "FRIEDEMANN'S BRIEFMARKEN-PREISBUCH EUROPA," 300 pages, bound in green cloth, are well worthy to be added to any library. The first is sent free, second, price 25c. Another work by this same publisher is, "PROBEN UND ENTWURFE FÜR MARKEN DUR DEUTSCHEN REICHPOST UND DER DEUT-

SCHEN SCHUTZGEBIETE." This consists of eleven plates of types of stamps of Germany and German Colonies, and costs 22c.

"HAACK'S PHILATELISTEN-KALENDER, 1910-11" appeared in August, 1910, and cost 25c, Herm. Haack, Crefeld, Rhld., Germany.

"LUCKE'S RATGEBER, 1911," C. F. Lucke (G. m. b. H.), Leipzig, Germany, sent free. This is his annual list of philatelic accessories for sale. Consists of 80 pages.

"PRIX COURANT DE SERIES DE TIMBRES-POSTE DE TOUS PAYS, 1911," Jules Bernichen, 4, rue Rochambeau, Paris, sent for postage. 124 pages.

The Dresden Society has issued its "VERTRAULICHE MITTEILUNG," No. 33, 15th February, 1911. This, like previous editions, contains lists of the members and a catalogue of books in the library and yearly reports, etc. 160 pages.

The Hamburg Society issued its "INTERNATIONALES JAHRBUCH, 1911," sends out with this a quantity of stickers which are for sale at 50c a hundred, the proceeds from the sale of which are to be used in prosecuting frauds on exchange packages, etc.

"EUROPA-SPEZIAL-PREISBUCH (Lagerliste Nr. 14)," 1910-11, Carl Willadt & Co. (G. m. b. H.) Pforzheim (Baden) Germany, sent free. 116 pages.

In connection with the Bern, Switzerland, Philatelic Exhibition there was issued a program consisting of 68 pages, with supplements, application forms, etc., and an official catalogue of 92 pages and a list of awards, 8 pages.

"DIE VORTRAGE VOM XXII DEUTSCHEN PHILATELISTENTAGE IN KIEL AM 14. AUGUST 1910," was issued as a supplement to the November number of "DER PHILATELIST." 16 pages. Also issued as a supplement to September number, Vol. XXI, No. 9, "Deutsche Briefmarken-Zeitung."

"STENOGRAPHISCHER BERICHT DES XXII. DEUTSCHEN PHILATELISTENTAGES UND DES XIV. BUNDES TAGES," Kiel, August 1910. Supplement to "Vertrauliches Korrespondenz-Blatt," Vol. XXI, 1, Jan. 1911. 56 pages, price 13c.

"HISTORY OF THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF THE ORANGE FREE STATE AND THE ORANGE RIVER COLONY, FROM THEIR ORIGIN TO 1906," by L. de Raay, continues as a supplement to *Nederlandsche Philatelist*.

"STATISTIK STUCKZAHL UND WERT MEINER POSTWERTZEICHEN-SAMMLUNG," published by Hugo Krotzsch & Co., Leipzig, price 38c. 2nd Edition, August 1910.

"DUSTERBEHN'S EISENBAHNMARKEN-KATALOG DEUTSCHLAND," 2nd Edition 1911. Pub. by Dusterbehn, Oldenburg, price 25c.

The standard catalogues of each country have issued new editions as follows:

Scott Stamp & Coin Co., 1911, 70th Edition, price paper 60c, cloth 75c.

Stanley Gibbons, 21st Edition, 1911, Part I, British Empire, Part II, Foreign Countries. Both American and English Editions to be had (1) regular edition, price \$1.25 comp.; (2) interleaved edition, price (?); (3) Edition de Luxe, bound in flexible full green morocco, gilt, price \$1.62 per part.

Gebruder Senf's Illustrierter Postwertzeichen Katalog, 1911, Part I, (1.25), Adhesives, Part II, Entires, (60c).

Yvert & Tellier, Champion, "Catalogue de Timbres-Poste," 15th Edition, 1911, price \$1.00.

Galvez, Catalogo descriptio de los Sellos de Gorreos y Telegrafos, price 75c. Address, M. G. Juienez, Principe 9, Entresuelo y cruz 1, Madrid.

Jules Bernichon, "Catalogue General de Timbres-Poste et Telegrafe, 1911," price paper 56c, bound 80c.

Ch. Lemierre, *Catalogue General de Timbres-Poste et Telegrafe, 1911*, price 80c.
 Whitfield King & Co., *"Standard Catalogue of Postage Stamps," 11th Edition, 1911*, price 80c.

Th. Lemaire, *"Catalogue Lemaire Coterielle des Timbres-Poste," XIX Diecle 1840-1900. 14th Edition, 1911*, price 25c, address: 16 Avenue de l'Opera, Paris.

Th. Lemaire, *"Nouveantes Catalogue du XXe Diecle." 1901-1910, 6th Edition, 1911*, price 12c.

In periodical literature there have been few changes as all the old ones, with very few exceptions, have issued numbers during the year. In the United States, new papers have appeared as follows: *Bulletin*, (Fort Flagler, Wash.); *Buyer's Bulletin*, (Detroit); *Collector's Review*, (Prosser, Wash.); *Drummer* (later *Stamp Drummer*), (Philadelphia); *Gibbons Stamp Circular*, (New York); *New Yorker*, (Westfield, N. J.); *Nammack's Philatelic News Letter*, (New York); *Precancelled Monthly*, (Paris, Ky.); *Philadelphia Stamp Club Bulletin*; *Philatelic Gazette*, (New York); *Philatelic Side-Line Bulletin*, (Philadelphia); *Stamps*, (Columbus, O.); *Stamp & Coin Collector*, (Milwaukee); *Western Philatelist*, (Boulder, Colo.).

In Canada, *Canadian Philatelist*, (Rouleau, Rigina); *Canadian Collector* (Cont. of *Post Card Echo*), (Toronto); *International Collector & Victor Stamp News* (Cont. of *Victor Stamp News*); (Toronto).

In Great Britain, *Monthly Bargain List*, (Manchester); *Oswald Marsh's Monthly Offers*, (London); *Philatelic Herald and Advertiser* (Cont. of *Stamp Club Herald and Philatelic Advertiser*) (Moseley); *Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal*, (London) (The discontinuance of *Gibbons Stamp Weekly*, and the resumption of Vol. XIX of this Journal).

In South Africa, *South African Philatelist* (Johannasburg).

In Australia, *Australian Stamp Journal*, (Sydney).

L'Annonce Philatelique d'Orient, (Braila, Roumania); *Bollettione Filatelico*, (Naples); *Bulletin Philatelique*, (Prato di Toscana, Italy); *Collectionneur Belge*, (Hoboken); *L'Echo Carto Philatelique du Sud-Ouest*, (Bordeaux); *Estudiante Filatelico*, (Santiago de los Caballeros, Dominican Republic); *Filatelist*, (Budapest, Hungary); *Gazette du Timbre*, (Spa, Belgium); *Humoristische Markenzeitung*, (Temesvar, Hungary); *Internationale Zeitung*, (Hamburg, Germany); *Mexican Magazine*, (Mexico City); *Mexico Filatelico*, (Mexico City); *Neerlandia*, (Dordrecht, Holland); *Ofertas Filatelicas Internacionales*, (Palma de Mallorca); *Philatelia*, (Paris); *Philatelistische Zeitungs-Revue*, (Poscony); *Porto Rico Filatelico*, (San Juan); *Revista del Circulo Filatelico de Cuba*, (Havana); *Revista Filatelica Mexicana*, (Mexico City); *Revista Universal*, (Barcelona); *Revue Postal d'Orient*, (Constantinople); *Stempemarkensammlerm*, (Kaposvar, Hungary).

In closing this report the Chairman desires to say that with a few minor changes, the entire report previous to this portion has been the work of Mr. Ricketts. The task of writing the quarter century history of the society has so taken up the time of the chairman that he passed the work over to Mr. Ricketts, who has ably compiled the list. The work which he has done for the American Philatelic Literature Society demonstrates his fitness for the work, and in closing this report I commend him to the new Board of Directors as Chairman of the Philatelic Literature Committee for the ensuing year.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. STONE, Chairman,
 WILLIAM R. RICKETTS,
 ERNEST R. ALDRICH.

NOTE:—Since compiling the above report the following additional publications have been received and are included to bring the list up to the date of the convention.—Wm. C. Stone.

Addenda.

ESSAYS FOR UNITED STATES STAMPS, by Edward H. Mason. "Am. Philatelic Society Handbook No. 2." Free to members.

GREAT BRITAIN KING EDWARD VII STAMPS, by Fred. J. Melville. 84 pp., price 15c paper cover, large uncut sheets 36c, bound in lambskin 62c. No. 14 Melville Stamp Books.

Check List of the Philatelic Publications in the English Language for the year 1909. Compiled for the American Philatelic Literature Society by William R. Ricketts, Historian of the Society. 90 pp., price \$2.50 and \$1.00. Free to members.

Lewis May & Co., 15 King William St., W. C., London, have issued two handy booklets for collectors of English Stamps at 3d. each "THE PHILATELIC BOOK FOR RECONSTRUCTING PLATES OF BRITISH STAMPS," and "THE PHILATELIC INDEX BOOK OF PLATE LETTERING FOR RECONSTRUCTING SHEETS OF BRITISH STAMPS."

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, contains the usual amount of valuable information. Copies can be had upon application to your Congressman.

The various government publications relative to the postal savings banks are interesting. "INSTRUCTIONS TO POSTMASTERS AT POSTAL SAVINGS DEPOSITORY STATIONS," April 1911, 27 pp. from Supt. of Documents, Washington, D. C., 5c. "REGULATIONS GOVERNING OPERATION OF POSTAL SAVINGS DEPOSITORIES," April 1911, 18 pp, same place, 5c. "INFORMATION FOR DEPOSITORS," 4 pp., free. Same in German "POSTSPARSYSTEM, AUSKUNFT FÜR EINLAGER," 4 pp., free. It is stated that this pamphlet will be published in various other languages.

Foreign.

The volumes in M. George Brunel's "Bibliothèque illustrée du Timbres-Poste," —LES TIMBRES DU CHILI, by Sigismund Jean mentioned in the last report, appeared in November, to be had from Chas. Mendel, 118 bis, Rue d'Assas, Paris, price 30c. Another of same series "LES TIMBRES DE HAMBOURG," by Georges Brunel has just appeared, price 30c.

ORIGINAUX ET REIMPRESSIONS DE HELIGOLAND, by Arthur Wulbren. A French translation of the German edition published some time ago, to be had of F. Huet, 8 rue Curoly, Brussels, Belgium, price 50c.

The Chair: If there are no objections, the report will be received for publication in the "American Philatelist." We will pass the report of the Expert Committee. The next is the report of the Philatelic Index. It will be read by the Secretary.

REPORT OF THE PHILATELIC INDEX COMMITTEE.

Reading, Pa., August 17, 1911.

To the President, Officers and Members of the American Philatelic Society in Convention Assembled in Chicago, Ill.:

It was the writer's firm impression that he would be able to meet with you during the Twenty-Fifth Convention, and for fear that I will not be able to attend, I submit the following report:

Since my appointment on the Philatelic Index Committee I have met the Chairman, William R. Ricketts, and we have gone over all of the work in hand very carefully, and we have given you some impression of it in the published reports of the quarterly magazines. To anyone not familiar with getting up an

index, I can assure them that they can but faintly realize the great amount of work in compiling the same, and right here, let me state that to Mr. William R. Ricketts, himself, belongs the credit for whatever we have been able to produce thus far. To gain a slight knowledge of the vastness of this work required my presence at Wilkes-Barre for several days, but since leaving there I have been constantly employed in other lines of work so that I have been unable to give it the consideration I should have liked to, but I have arranged to have our good friend, Mr. Ricketts, spend the major part of a week at my office, and I voluntarily give the services of a stenographer in preparing this work without any expense to the Society.

The reports that we have already published will speak for themselves, but allow me to add a few suggestions to the little I know at this time of this undertaking.

No. 1. As Mr. C. A. Howes has given considerable of his time to help us in our work, allow me to suggest that we have his name added to the Committee.

No. 2. The list of Abbreviations. This list as it stands covers all of the regular and most of the part philatelic magazines that have been published in the English language. As no library, even that of the Earl of Crawford, contains a complete set of all that are mentioned. Still some of them may never be indexed. But after due consideration, we have thought it best to include everything so that all could be added before publication in permanent form without a correction being necessary in this part of the work. Again, some of the papers mentioned contain nothing of importance, but wanting this list to be as complete as we can make it, so that it becomes at once a check list of all that has been published in the English language, and as such will have great value.

No. 3. The letter "A" which is begun in No. 4 of the Journal is as complete as we could make it up to the time of publication, but probably as we continue the work there will be found several omissions of cross reference and others that must be included, all of which will appear in an "ADDENDUM" after the last of the index is published. This will apply to all the letters as we go along.

The writer also understands that when this Index Committee was first appointed \$25 was appropriated by the Association, which was never used. This amount we should have now, and we also require \$25 more, in behalf of Mr. Ricketts and myself, who do not wish the Society to pay for any of our work or the materials, but I know that Mr. Ricketts has employed a stenographer during the last three months for a number of days to work up the "Chronicle Notes," and I think the Society should help pay for this work. He did this in order to get the letters "A," "B" and "C" ready for the call at any time. Mr. Howes has had the "A" for some time and will not want the "B" until the last of January or February, so you see we have an abundance of time to try and perfect it, but of course, you will understand that in cross-reference you will find an omission now and then, also in checking up certain publications which Mr. Ricketts, himself, indexed long ago and which he did at that time for his own benefit. Mr. Ricketts' own private index has been of great assistance to us in this work, and I am positive that it represents such a great part of this index that it will assist the committee to place before the Philatelists of the world a Philatelic Index the like of which has never been known.

The committee will be pleased to have any corrections or instructions that any of the members may have to make, and by advising Mr. William R. Ricketts, the Chairman, 1577 Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort, Pa., they will receive the proper consideration.

I could add to this report on a great many of the things I have in mind, but as

Mr. Ricketts is so much better able to cope with this matter, I am still in hopes that he will prepare the report to present at the convention, and I am advising him to that effect from my office today.

Hoping our efforts to serve you on this committee have come up to your expectations, and looking forward to giving you, during the coming year, considerable more than what we have been able to accomplish for publication, and with best wishes for the future prosperity of the Association, believe us to be,

Respectfully yours,

CLIFFORD W. KISSINGER,

For William R. Ricketts and Himself,

Philatelic Index Committee, American Philatelic Society.

The Chair: That portion of the report in regard to its personnel is in the hands of the President, with whom the matter solely rests. The remainder of the report, in regard to the expenses, will be referred to the Resolution Committee.

We will now have the report of the Obituary Committee. While this report is read, please all stand.

REPORT OF THE OBITUARY COMMITTEE.

Buffalo, N. Y., August 11, 1911.

To the American Philatelic Society, in Convention at Chicago.

Gentlemen:—I will not take up your time with merely routine matters which, while I believe them to be essential and altogether proper in their nature, still will have little to do with expediting matters of the convention. In discharging the duties of this committee for another and third year, however, it will not be out of place for me to say that in each case where it was possible I have felt it to be my duty, on behalf of the society of which the deceased was a member, to write the family, expressing through myself the sympathy of the membership at large, and offering to do whatever was in my power in a philatelic way. The fact that in no case was this offer taken up with is not due to lack of sincerity in making it, but to indifference, other means for disposing of the collection, etc. In this way, it has been my privilege to aid in some slight way toward the goal of the philatelic brotherhood, which the ideal stamp society should be.

The death roll has not only been numerically as large as ever before, but exceptionally serious from the standpoint of the faithful and well-known workers that have been removed. Though I give a few details in the case of those better-known, it is no invidious distinction; we miss them all. It is my sad duty to report the deaths of the following:

Philip LaTourette, New York.

Rev. John Lindsay, Haliburton, Ontario.

J. P. Thomson, Toronto.

David Hunt, Jr., Detroit.

L. W. Memelsdorf, Denver.

S. G. Collins, Galveston, Texas.

Edward L. Warner, Evanston, Illinois. Mr. Warner was a very well-known dealer, noted for integrity and courtesy in business relations.

James J. Carroll, Baltimore, also a stamp dealer, doing business under the name of the Chesapeake Stamp Company.

Jules Bernichon, Paris, third of the quartette of stamp dealers who have been removed from us. M. Bernichon was, of course, a gentleman of international reputation, and is mourned in England as much as in France.

Charles O. Jansen, Paterson, New Jersey.

Dr. William R. A. Wilson, Pittsfield, Mass., a personal friend of the writer, Williams College being the alma mater of both. Dr. Wilson was graduated in 1892,

later from the Columbia University medical school. He was widely known outside of philately by his novels and other writings; he had only lately taken up stamps.

James M. Rhodes, Jr., Villanova, Pa. A graduate of Princeton, 1897, he was a member of many clubs and well-known socially, being also a member of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange. He died after three years of illness from a disease, blastomycetes, so rare that his is said to have been the nineteenth case in the history of medicine.

E. S. Keating, Boone, Iowa, a stamp dealer in a small way.

Respectfully submitted,

JULIAN PARK, Chairman,

REV. L. G. DORPAT,

MAJOR F. L. PALMER,

Obituary Committee.

The Chair: That report will be published. We will now proceed to the report of the Educational Committee, Mr. Iver R. Johnson, Secretary.

REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE, AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

To the Stockholders of the American Philatelic Society:

The Governing Board of the Educational Committee as appointed by President Mudge at the beginning of the fiscal year consisted of P. M. Wolsieffer, Chairman, Hugh M. Clark, Secretary-Treasurer, and Iver R. Johnson. Shortly after the auction season opened, Mr. Clark resigned owing to lack of time to devote to the duties of his office, and Iver R. Johnson was appointed to fill the vacancy thus made, and Mr. A. Roterberg was appointed to fill the vacancy on the Board.

The following were appointed by the President as Territorial Committeemen, and with the Governing Board and the President as Chairman ex-officio constitute the Educational Committee:

Mr. A. W. Batchelder	Boston, Mass.
Mr. Chas. R. Morris.....	Washington, D. C.
Mr. Alvin Good	Cleveland, O.
Mr. H. A. Diamant	St. Louis, Mo.
Dr. John Milton Holt	Astoria, Ore.
Mr. W. C. Stone	Springfield, Mass.
Mr. E. Doebelin	Pittsburg, Pa.
Mr. S. E. Heineman	Detroit, Mich.
Mr. C. B. Roulet	Dallas, Tex.

After the organization of the entire committee was completed the United States was divided into districts and each committeeman assigned a district, to which he was to give special attention in the soliciting of funds—no restriction, however, being made to bar any of them from soliciting funds from any of their friends, anywhere.

Owing to the numerous calls made upon the purses of the public spirited dealers and collectors, all over the country, during the past year, for funds for local celebrations and events, and for the Stamp Exhibition of the American Philatelic Society, the securing of funds for use of this committee was very difficult.

Your Governing Board originated a plan of securing Dollar subscriptions, and through the courtesy of Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer, Mr. Caspar Staub Manager United Stamp Co., and Mr. Hugh M. Clark, special circular letters were mailed with auction catalogues to bidders at their respective auction sales without any charge to this committee.

Nearly all of the Dollar subscriptions, and quite a few for more than this amount, were secured through the issuance of this circular.

The Subscriptions are as follows:

American Philatelic Society	\$50.00
John Arnoldt	1.00
Dr. W. L. Babcock	1.00
Marvin A. Barlow	1.00
W. H. Barnum	2.00
A. W. Batchelder	10.00
D. D. Berolzheimer	1.00
Frank J. Bescher	1.00
C. B. Bostwick	1.00
Herbert Bowen	1.00
J. N. S. Brewster, Jr.	1.00
W. Dwight Burroughs	37.50
E. M. Carpenter	10.00
Chicago Branch No. 1, A. P. S.	5.00
Hugh M. Clark	5.00
Frank L. Coes	2.80
Warren H. Colson	25.00
Genl. C. A. Coolidge	1.00
H. C. Crowell	1.00
E. C. Dodd	5.00
E. Doebelin	1.00
E. Doebelin, 2nd Subscription	3.00
E. P. Douglas	5.00
T. R. Dunlap	1.00
Clarence H. Eagle	1.00
Dr. Percival J. Eaton	1.00
J. C. Evans	1.00
Rudolf Freidl, Vienna, Austria.	2.00
Alvin Good	2.50
Ben G. Green	5.00
Chas. Gregory	10.00
Edward G. Hart	1.00
O. S. Hart	5.00
J. Hartenstein	1.00
Sol E. Heinemann	5.00
C. F. Heyerman	1.00
Dr. B. Grant Jefferis	1.00
Iver R. Johnson	5.00
W. L. Kinkead	1.00
Eugene Klein, Inc.	5.00
Karl Koslowski	1.00
T. P. Ladue	1.00
W. A. Langdon	1.00
J. E. Lewis	1.00
W. T. Livingston	1.00
Marion Stamp Club	1.00
F. Michael & Brother.	5.00
Otto F. Moses	1.00
Henry N. Mudge	5.00
Chas. A. Nast	2.00
Edgar Nelton, six contributions.	6.00
F. E. Newberry	1.00

New England Stamp Co.	50.00	
New England Stamp Co., 2nd Subscription	27.50	
New York Stamp Society	5.00	
Maj. F. L. Palmer	1.00	
Lieut. G. P. Parker	1.00	
O. A. Quesnel	1.00	
The Scott F. Redfield Co.....	50.00	
Jos. S. Rich	10.00	
E. M. Rosenthal	5.00	
C. B. Roulet	1.00	
C. B. Roulet, 2nd Subscription	2.25	
John F. Rust	2.00	
St. Louis Stamp Collectors	17.00	
Fred Schmalzreidt	1.00	
Scott Stamp & Coin Co.	50.00	
Scott Stamp & Coin Co., 2nd Subscription	27.50	
John F. Sensow	1.00	
Chas. E. Severn	5.00	
S. R. Simmons, Jr.....	1.00	
R. E. Smith	1.00	
W. T. Stanton	1.00	
Eugene Telfer	1.00	
Toledo Stamp Co.....	5.00	
Geo. L. Toppan	10.00	
Twin City Philatelic Society, Pittsburg	5.00	
P. M. Wolsieffer	10.00	
P. M. Wolsieffer, 2nd Subscription	5.00	
Geo. Wood	1.00	
Fremont Woodruff	1.00	
Geo. H. Worthington	25.00	
W. O. Wylie	10.00	
J. V. Yegge	1.00	
J. E. Zahn	2.00	\$582.05
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Three Subscriptions Unpaid		35.00
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Net Received		\$547.05

Financial Report.

Credits—

Balance on hand August 31st, 1910.....	\$20.79	
Subscriptions per above	547.05	
Two Subscriptions from last year paid.....	10.00	
Proceeds Sale of Stamps	5.10	
Stamps Received as Remittances	43.27	\$626.21

Debits—

Rent of P. O. Box 20 one year.....	\$16.00
Postage on Folders	16.91
Supplies	4.29
Printing	33.55
Burroughs Articles	245.00
Electros for Burroughs Articles	10.50

Extra Matrices	15.00	
Services Secretary-Treasurer	100.00	
Office Postage	10.28	
Data for New Folders	10.00	
Stamp Packets for American Boy 8500.....	110.50	
Advertising, The Boy's Magazine	50.00	
Stamps for Folders	21.00	
Sundries	2.25	\$645.28
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Seven Burroughs Articles were prepared and sent out to a wide range of news papers all over the country. They are as follows:

- "The Ships that Pass Through the Mails."
- "Reading, 'Riting, 'Rithmetic, and Postage Stamps."
- "Liberia's Roosevelt Will Be President."
- "Mexican Stamps Saved from the Clutches of the Revolutionists."
- "Philatelists' Eyes Turned to Mexico."
- "King George Stamps Will Soon Replace Those of Edward."
- "New British Stamp Artistic in Design."

These stories were handled as "News" stories, and were written about the time the events took place, thus, the Mexican stories were sent out while the revolution was in progress; the story of King George Stamps replacing those of Edward is known as the Coronation Story, as it was issued immediately after the Coronation. In this way the attention of the news paper reader is called to stamps in the most casual way.

The following papers were sent the Burroughs Service:

Albany Knickerbocker Press	Kansas City Star
Toledo Times Bee	San Francisco Call
Omaha Bee	Terre Haute Tribune
Atlanta Georgian	Fitchburg, Mass., Sentinel
Houston Post	Brockton Times
Providence Tribune	Bangor Commercial
Detroit News Tribune	Wichita Beacon
Detroit Free Press	New Haven Register
Montgomery Advertiser	Richmond, Va., Journal
New Orleans States	Washington Herald
Savannah News	Indianapolis Star
Birmingham Age-Herald	Troy Northern Budget
Los Angeles Times	Memphis Commercial Appeal
Nashville Banner	Raleigh News
Seattle Times	Pawtucket Times
Denver Post	Brooklyn Eagle
St. Louis World	Altoona Eagle
Louisville Courier Journal	Scranton Times
Williamsport, Pa., Grit	Minneapolis Journal
Milwaukee Sentinel	Charlotte Observer
Cincinnati Enquirer	Portland Oregonian
Cleveland Leader	Wheeling Register
Reading Eagle	Utica Press
Des Moines Register	Concord, N. H., Monitor
Boston Post	Hartford Globe

Boston Herald	Rochester Herald
Phila Record	Grand Rapids Herald
Chicago Tribune	Dallas News
Chicago Inter Ocean	Galveston News
Buffalo Times	Chattanooga Times
New York Sun	Woonsocket Call
New York Times	Elmira Star
Balto News	Erie Times
Newark Call	Akron Press
Ohio State Journal	Butte Miner
Springfield, Ill., State Register	Burlington Hawkeye
Lowell Telegram	Knoxville Journal
Springfield, Mass., Republican	Christian Science Monitor
Worcester Telegram	Topeka Herald
Syracuse Journal	Portland, Me., Telegram
St. Paul Pioneer Press	Owensboro Inquirer
Pittsburg Gazette	Waynesboro, Pa., Herald
Sacramento Bee	Houston Post

This list of papers is incomplete, as many editors clip and reprint our articles. Additional matrices were ordered for use of Territorial Committeemen and others desiring to secure publicity in their home town.

We have on hand approximately \$150.00 worth of printed matter, electros, etc., that are used in this work, and credit should be given this when same is turned over to our successors.

We make the following recommendations:

That the Burroughs Articles be continued.

That the distribution of packets of stamps through boys papers be continued.

That the distribution of the historical folders be continued.

That the appropriation of the A. P. S. be \$50.00.

That a special committee be appointed to report at the next convention a plan whereby juvenile collectors can secure the maximum of benefits at a minimum cost from this society, or a part thereof. Something must be done to properly take care of the rising generation of collectors.

That the Governing Board of the next Educational Committee be selected from our membership in St. Louis.

Before closing, acknowledgement is made of the good work done by the members of the Territorial Committee, especially Messrs. Doeblin, Heineman, Roulet and Good.

Thanking the members one and all for their interest and cordial support, and bespeaking a continuance of the same for our successors, we are,

Truly yours,

P. M. WOLSIEFFER, Chairman,

A. ROTERBERG,

IVER R. JOHNSON, Secy.-Treas.,

Governing Board of the Educational Committee.

Chicago, August 21st, 1911.

The Chair: If there are no objections, the report of the Educational Committee will be referred to the Committee on Resolutions, and in its financial part, to Finance Committee No. 2.

I have been looking for the Chairman of the Credential Committee. Do you know whether his Supplementary Report is ready, Mr. Batchelder?

Mr. Batchelder: No additional credentials have been handed in to my knowledge.

The Chair: Then we will pass that over for this afternoon.

Mr. Batchelder: If there is any one present who has credentials, I wish he would pass them in.

The Chair: The report of the Committee on Hand Books. It will be read by the Secretary.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HAND BOOKS.

South Park Terrace, Longmeadow, August 19, 1911.

Officers and Members of the American Philatelic Society:

As recommended in our report of last year, the manuscript submitted by Mr. Edward H. Mason, of Boston, Mass., subject ESSAYS FOR UNITED STATES POSTAGE STAMPS, has been published. A copy has been mailed to each member of the Society and the excess, of some four hundred copies, are on hand as Society property. The receipts and expenditures will soon be closed, at which time an itemized report will be made.

For the Committee,

ROBERT C. MUNROE, Chairman,
JOHN W. PREVOST,
HARRY G. KITSON.

The Chair: If there is no objection, the report will be published. The report of the Committee on Catalogue of U. S. Postage Stamps. There being no report, we will pass that. Report of the Recruiting Committee. Mr. C. F. Heyerman.

REPORT OF THE RECRUITING COMMITTEE.

To the Directors and Members, American Philatelic Society.

Gentlemen:—In trying to carry out the recruiting work since last August, the Committee has been guided very much by the way in which the work was done the previous year. Your chairman tried to name his Committee Members from widely scattered cities, where he knew there was any Philatelic interest.

Owing to changes in the application blank and the delay in getting them out, they were not distributed, together with the recruiting books, until later than was hoped for.

This Committee, we do not suppose, is held responsible by any one for the number who were so faint-hearted about our science as to allow themselves to be dropped, simply because they did not receive a stamp paper free. And in this connection I wish to thank my Committeemen for the splendid work they did in getting after many a delinquent member at the request of Secretary Barnum. It is my belief that the Society is much stronger with only 1600 members than if we reached the 2000 mark and then would have to drop one quarter of them each year through lack of interest.

I hope to see the Society grow to 2000 strong members, reaching this mark gradually and only by careful selection to its ranks. If certain steps are taken at the 1911 Convention, which have already been talked about, I refer to the issuing of a society semi-monthly publication, which will give all reports and such items of interest as may be given in to the editor and sent free to the members at the expense of the Society, then the interest which seems to be lagging in some sections I am sure can be aroused, and the general interest in the Society in all quarters be raised to the highest pitch.

Of the \$100.00 appropriated for the recruiting work, \$41.70 has been expended, leaving a balance of \$58.30 to be returned to the general fund. It is recommended

that an appropriation of the same amount be made for recruiting work for the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

C. FREDERIC HEYERMAN, Chairman.

The Chair: The report of the Recruiting Committee will be referred to the Committee on Resolutions. We now come to the report of the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Committee, in which connection, anything in a broad way that the Chairman of that Committee might say has been covered in the report of the President. Consequently we will now call on the Chairman of the Section of Finance for his report, Mr. John F. Rust.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SECTION ON FINANCE.

To the Officers and Members of the American Philatelic Society:

I beg to submit the following report of the work of the Section on Finance. This work has been ably carried on by the following named Committeemen who solicited contributions, and to whose names I append the total amounts collected by each. In many instances sums were received from the same city or locality through various sources, either from Committeemen, or by direct remittance to Chicago, and same were credited as donors so wished to the General Fund, to account of Medals, or to account of Official Catalogue.

J. A. Klemann, Committeeman for New York City, \$500.00, through all channels	\$551.00
Alvin Good, Committeeman for Cleveland, O., through all channels.....	146.00
A. W. Batchelder, Committeeman for Boston, Mass., \$95.00, through all channels	105.00
H. J. Crocker, Committeeman for San Francisco, Cal., \$100.00, through all channels	105.00
F. R. Cornwall, Committeeman for St. Louis, Mo., through all channels....	90.50
P. G. Mann, Committeeman for Philadelphia, Pa., \$56.00, through all channels	96.00
O. C. Reymann, Committeeman for Pittsburg, Pa., \$34.00, through all channels	49.00
H. W. Protzmann, Committeeman for Milwaukee, Wis., through all channels	23.00
Gen. C. A. Coolidge, Committeeman for Detroit, Mich., through all channels	20.00
J. W. Prevost, Committeeman for Springfield, Mass., through all channels..	10.00
F. D. Goodhue, Committeeman for Cincinnati, O., through all channels.....	6.00
Geo. W. Linn, Committeeman for Columbus, O., through all channels.....	5.25
Herbert Armstrong, Committeeman for Spokane, Wash., through all channels	5.00
C. F. Mann, Treasurer, received direct.....	121.00
Miscellaneous	5.00
Grand Total	\$1,337.75
To General Fund	\$1,160.75
Medal Account	90.00
Official Catalogue	62.00
Special to Catalogue	25.00

\$1,337.75

I desire to thank all the Committeemen for the excellent results obtained, as well as for the interest and courtesy shown to me as Chairman. To the individual donors and firms lies the credit of making the Exhibition a financial possibility by their generosity.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. RUST,

Chairman Section on Finance.

Itemized account of contributions collected by Committeemen, including sums received either from Committeemen, by direct remittance, account of medals, or account of Official Catalogue.

Mr. John A. Klemann, Committeeman for New York City and vicinity:

Nassau Stamp Co., Ltd.....	\$ 25.00
John N. Luff	50.00
J. Rich	50.00
J. W. Scott	50.00
Scott Stamp & Coin Co.....	50.00
J. M. Bartels Co.....	25.00
A. Krassa	25.00
J. C. Morgenthau	25.00
F. Spiegelberg	25.00
Economist Stamp Co.....	20.00
P. F. Bruner	10.00
J. T. Coit	10.00
Charles Gregory	10.00
A. Herrman	10.00
W. S. Scott	10.00
Geo. R. Tuttle	10.00
C. F. Waldron	10.00
Wm. P. Brown	5.00
J. Carberry	5.00
H. Dicke	5.00
R. A. Kampf	5.00
L. B. Mason	5.00
S. R. Simmons	5.00
T. E. Steinway	25.00
F. C. Earl	10.00
W. Ronan	10.00
J. B. Chittenden	5.00
H. E. Robinson	5.00
J. W. Scott Co., Catalogue.....	10.00
Scott Stamp & Coin Co., Catalogue.....	10.00
J. M. Bartels Co., Catalogue.....	6.00
J. Rich, (Special), Catalogue	25.00

Total\$551.00

Mr. Alvin Good, Committeeman for Cleveland, Ohio, and vicinity:

George H. Worthington	\$ 50.00
Charles Lathrop Pack	25.00
O. S. Hart	25.00
Warren H. Colson	25.00
Alvin Good	5.00
W. H. Barnum	5.00
W. G. Saxton	5.00
H. C. Crowell	1.00
C. E. Kendal	1.00
Toledo Stamp Co.	3.00
F. E. Bruce	1.00

Total\$146.00

Mr. A. W. Batchelder, Committeeman for Boston, Mass., and vicinity:

Boston Philatelic Society	\$ 25.00
New England Stamp Co.....	50.00
A. W. Batchelder	10.00
E. M. Carpenter	10.00
New England Stamp Co., Catalogue.....	10.00

Total\$105.00

Mr. H. J. Crocker, Committeeman for San Francisco, Cal., and vicinity:

Pacific Philatelic Society	\$100.00
H. J. Crocker, Medal Account	5.00

Total\$105.00

Mr. F. R. Cornwall, Committeeman for St. Louis, Mo., and vicinity:

St. Louis Stamp Collectors Society.....	\$90.50
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Mr. P. G. Mann, Committeeman for Philadelphia, Pa., and vicinity:

Eugene Klein, Inc.	\$ 25.00
Philadelphia Stamp Co.....	25.00
Edwin A. Fleisher	5.00
Eugene Klein, Inc., Catalogue	10.00
Philadelphia Stamp Club	25.00

\$90.00

P. G. Mann	1.00
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J. A. Steinmetz	5.00
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\$96.00

Mr. O. C. Reymann, Committeeman for Pittsburg, Pa., and vicinity:

Pittsburg Philatelic Society. From the following members in sums of \$2.00 to \$1.00: Messrs. Crawford, Briggs, Bohn, Pahl, Wilson, Schlachter, Bender, Oglesby Wood.....		\$ 10.00
Pittsburg Branch No. 5.....		5.00
E. Doeblin		10.00
From the following in sums of \$5.00 to \$1.00 each: Messrs. Book, Antomine, Ross, Easter, Reymann, McGrew, Mat- tern, Schwarz, Charles, Kirchenbower, Stevens, Miller, Rudy, Daum, Jaegle, Coe, Hunt, Pickard, Eaton.....		24.00

Total \$49.00

Mr. H. W. Protzmann, Committeeman for Milwaukee, Wis., and vicinity:

Milwaukee Philatelic Society	\$ 5.00
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From members in sums of \$2.00 to \$1.00 each: Messrs.

Fisher, Altschwager, Hoerig, Kraft, Kraus, Linke, Ter- chan, Toelle, Suits, Thiede, Matthes, Steinmetz, Hart- man, Kraus, Voigt	18.00
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Total \$23.00

Gen. C. A. Coolidge, Committeeman for Detroit, Mich., and vicinity:

From Detroit Members	\$20.00
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Mr. J. W. Prevost, Committeeman for Springfield, Mass., and vicinity:

Springfield Philatelic Society	\$10.00
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Mr. F. D. Goodhue, Committeeman for Cincinnati, Ohio, and vicinity:	
From members in sums of \$2.00 to \$1.00 each: Messrs. Good-	
hue, Lange, Schaefer, Fischer	\$6.00
Mr. Geo. W. Linn, Committeeman for Columbus, Ohio, and vicinity:	
From members in sums of \$2.00 to 25 cents: Messrs. Tarp,	
Schaffner, Kjellstedt, Townsend	\$5.25
Mr. Herbert Armstrong, Committeeman for Spokane, Wash., and vicinity:	
From Spokane Members	\$5.00
Mr. Chas. F. Mann, Treasurer, received direct:	
W. H. McDonald, General Fund	\$ 10.00
H. M. Clark, Medal Account	25.00
G. L. Toppan, Medal Account	40.00
F. Michael, Medal Account	20.00
United Stamp Co., Catalogue	10.00
H. F. Colman, Catalogue	6.00
F. L. Palmer, General Fund	10.00
Total	<u>\$121.00</u>
Miscellaneous: L. C. Hassler	\$5.00

The Chair: If there are no objections, that report will be referred to Finance Committee No. 2. Supplementary to it we will have the report of the Treasurer of the Financial Section, Mr. C. F. Mann.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE FINANCIAL SECTION.

Chicago, August 22nd, 1911.

To the Officers and Members of the American Philatelic Society:

Your Treasurer of the Exhibition Committee begs to report as follows:

Cash received from Mr. John F. Rust, Chairman—

Donations to General Fund	\$1,160.75
Donations for Medals	90.00
Donations for Official Catalogues, Advertising.....	62.00
Special Donation for Official Catalogues	25.00
	<u>\$1,337.75</u>

Disbursements—

Voucher No. 1, J. A. Klemann, Printing and Post-	
age on 890 Circulars	\$23.94
Voucher No. 2, Hann & Adair Ptg. Co., Addressing	
and mailing Exhibition Circulars.....	21.42
Voucher No. 3, C. E. Severn, Correspondence Ex-	
penses, including postage	10.00
	<u>55.36</u>
Balance on hand August 22nd, 1911, deposited with	
Corn Exchange National Bank.....	\$1,282.39
General Fund	\$1,105.39
Medal Fund	90.00
Official Catalogue Fund	87.00
	<u>\$1,282.39</u>

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. F. MANN,
Treasurer of A. P. S. Exhibition Committee.

The Chair: If there are no objections, that report will be referred to Finance Committee No. 2. That completes the formal reports of the officers and committees and brings us up to the reports of Branch Societies.

Mr. Cornwall: I move that we dispense with the formal reading of the annual reports of the Branch Societies and that the reports be submitted to the Committee on Branch Societies, and that they then report them back—unless we have something important to discuss about them in connection. I think that will save a lot of time, and as they are all printed in the Year Book we will accomplish everything that way.

REPORT OF CHICAGO BRANCH No. 1.

Board of Vice-Presidents, American Philatelic Society.

Gentlemen:—During the past year Chicago Branch No. 1 has held twelve regular meetings. The average attendance at each meeting was fifteen. The largest attendance was twenty-two, at the January meeting.

Entertainments on strictly philatelic lines were provided regularly. Among these were contests, exhibitions and discussions of minor varieties.

We wish to call your attention to the fact that on August tenth this Branch held its 300th regular meeting.

The present membership is fifty-four, which is the largest in the history of the Branch.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. ROSENTHAL, President,
HUGH M. CLARK, Secretary.

REPORT OF ST. LOUIS BRANCH No. 4.

To the Officers and Members of the American Philatelic Society.

Gentlemen:—St. Louis Branch No. 4, A. P. S., begs leave to submit the following report for 1910-1911. The meetings of the Branch have been held in conjunction with the St. Louis Stamp Collectors' Society on the first and third Tuesday of each month. No regular dues have been assessed, but all expenses have been met out of the General Fund. Our membership includes all the A. P. S. members in St. Louis and vicinity. No matters of real importance have been acted upon at our regular meetings during the past year.

Circuits have been regularly circulated throughout the year owing to the courtesy of Mr. T. C. Mann. The Secretary has nothing to suggest further than a repetition of courtesies extended during the year past.

Respectfully submitted,

A. P. HOSMER, Secretary,
St. Louis Branch No. 4, A. P. S.

REPORT OF PHILADELPHIA BRANCH No. 18.

Philadelphia, August 15th, 1911.

Mr. F. R. Cornwall, President, and Fellow Members.

Gentlemen:—There have been four meetings of Philadelphia Branch No. 18, American Philatelic Society, held during our past fiscal year, as follows: September 20th, October 18th, 1910, June 20th and August 15th, 1911. More frequent meetings have not been necessary.

At the October meeting, 1910, the following Board of Officers were elected: President, Fredk. Hahman; Vice-President, Chas. Beamish; Secretary and Treasurer, A. F. Henkels; Sales Manager, John W. Hazeltine.

The following resolutions passed at the June and August meetings of this year are among the more important matters that have come before the Branch, and it is our wish that they be read before the Convention and be brought to the attention of the incoming Board of Directors.

Resolution passed at June Meeting: "Be it resolved that the reappointment of Mr. Percival Parrish as Sales Manager be hereby recommended to the incoming Board of Directors of the American Philatelic Society."

Resolution passed at August Meeting: "As the sales from the circuits of the American Philatelic Society through Mr. John W. Hazeltine, Sales Manager of Philadelphia Branch No. 18, have amounted to \$1,028.83 for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 1910, and ending June 30th, 1911, and as we believe that the sales from the circuits have been greatly augmented by having the said circuits centrally located at Mr. Hazeltine's store accessible to members at all times, Be it Resolved, That the continuance of the local sales manager system as it now exists, is hereby recommended to the Board of Directors and incoming Sales Manager."

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. HENKELS, Secretary,

Branch No. 18, A. P. S.

REPORT OF COLUMBUS BRANCH No. 21.

Columbus, Ohio, August 21, 1911.

Mr. H. N. Mudge, President, American Philatelic Society, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:—During the past year Columbus Branch No. 21 has continued its former custom of fortnightly meetings, attendance being from twelve to fifteen at each meeting. The present membership of the branch is thirty, which figure does not include the large passive membership associated with the Columbus organization.

From a variety of causes the branch has not grown as its officers would wish, but renewed efforts are promised the coming year and, as all local conditions are favorable, it is hoped the next report will show a healthy growth for this branch. It is felt that this result may be accomplished the more readily on account of the particularly efficient administration of the Society's affairs during the past year and the excellent publications now being issued.

Yours truly,

GEO. K. SMITH, JR., Secretary.

REPORT OF BRANCH No. 25, A. P. S., DETROIT PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Detroit, Mich., August 1st, 1911.

To the Board of Vice-Presidents:

During the season October, 1910, to June, 1911, nine regular business meetings and eight social sessions were held.

The Society has a membership of forty-four active and one honorary.

The interest in the Society continues as strong as ever. A number of auction sales were held which added to the interest of the gatherings.

It is proposed that the Branch do more next year in a Philatelic way, each member being required to prepare a paper to be read at the meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

C. FREDERIC HEYERMAN, Secretary.

REPORT OF LOUISVILLE BRANCH No. 26.

Branch No. 26 meets jointly with the local club, as all its members are members of both organizations. For that reason meetings are held at irregular intervals, as the business may demand.

In October, 1910, the Branch appointed a sales manager, and since that time has been receiving circuits regularly from Mr. Parrish. In general the sales have been good, and the members are very much pleased with the Branch manager

system, and take this occasion to say that they feel that it would be a decided step backward to abandon it, as they understand is advocated in some quarters.

There has been little change in the philatelic conditions in Louisville in the past year. We have added some recruits to our ranks but they are still rather thin. We have under consideration plans which we hope to put into execution during the coming season, and believe that they will result in a greater interest in our hobby in this section.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. E. AULT, President.

REPORT OF BERKELEY BRANCH No. 27.

W. H. Barnum, Secretary.

Dear Sir:—Berkeley Branch No. 27 has held three meetings during the year. All of them business meetings. At the last meeting held in June Mr. Weber was elected president, and myself as secretary and exchange manager. We also received the report of Mr. Schuman as Branch Manager, which showed that the members had bought \$283.61 from twenty-six circuits. There is not much to report for the branch. The Berkeley Philatelic Society meets on the fourth Sunday of each month and does all the philatelic work, all the branch members being members of that society. The Branch wishes to endorse the name of Mr. Cornwall for President of the A. P. S. The present membership is eleven.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY CHALONER, Secretary.

REPORT OF SPRINGFIELD BRANCH No. 28.

Springfield, Mass., August 7, 1911.

To the American Philatelic Society:

Springfield Branch No. 28 herewith submits its annual report. As the branch is a purely business organization for the purpose of facilitating the collection of dues and the circulation of circuits from the Sales Superintendent, we have but little to report. Meetings are held quarterly in connection with the sessions of the Springfield Stamp Club. Our membership is now twenty, with one application pending. Three members were dropped during the year on account of their having given up collecting and left the national society. Three new members have been admitted. Our local Sales Manager reports forty-one circuits received and retired, with sales amounting to \$298.23. A list of our members is annexed. The officers remain as last year.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. C. STONE, Secretary.

REPORT OF CLEVELAND BRANCH No. 30.

Cleveland, Ohio, August 19, 1911.

To the Board of Vice-Presidents, American Philatelic Society.

Gentlemen:—Cleveland Branch No. 30 has held but one meeting during the past fiscal year.

There has been no other occasion for calling meetings as the local Club, the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, is in a healthy condition and usurps the attention of the active collectors of Cleveland and vicinity.

The present officers of the Branch are the same as a year ago, J. F. Rust Branch Manager, and the undersigned, Clerk.

The Branch nominated a ticket for the general election of the parent organization, but did no campaign work in its behalf.

The present A. P. S. membership in Cleveland is forty as against forty-three one year ago, a net loss of three.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. BARNUM,

Clerk, Branch No. 30.

REPORT OF BUFFALO BRANCH No. 37.

The Directors of the American Philatelic Society.

Gentlemen:—Following is the annual report of the Buffalo Collectors' Club, Branch No. 37:

The club has held during the year beginning August 1, 1910, two meetings each month with the exception of the months of June, July and August. The membership of the Club is now sixteen, ten of whom are members of the A. P. S. The average attendance at meetings during the year has been eight. Our meetings have been taken up with discussions of current stamp topics and exhibits of collections of several of the members. At our annual meeting January 12, 1911, the following officers were elected: President, Irving H. Buckmaster; Vice President, E. D. Ingraham; Secretary and Treasurer, F. P. James; Sales Superintendent, Geo. B. Graham; Librarian, John W. Schaefer. The Sales Superintendent reports that during the year sales to the amount of about \$315.00 have been made from A. P. S. circuit books.

Yours truly,

F. P. JAMES, Secretary and Treasurer.

REPORT OF SPOKANE BRANCH No. 38.

Spokane, Wash., August 1st, 1911.

Board of Vice Presidents, American Philatelic Society:

Spokane Branch, No. 38, (Stock Certificate No. 3855), held its first meeting and election of officers September 30th 1910, in the Map Room of the Public Library.

The following officers were elected: Arthur Oehler, President; S. A. Kaasen, Vice President; Herbert Armstrong, Treasurer; Carl W. Art, Secretary and Sales Manager. Board of Trustees as follows: Arthur Oehler, Herbert Armstrong, H. R. Palmer.

Nineteen regular meetings were held, semi-monthly, the last occurring June 21st, 1911, at which meeting it was voted that the Branch should adjourn for the summer.

The place of meeting was changed to Room 333, The Rookery, on November 4th. The regular meetings are held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month with the exception of July and August.

Our first season has been largely devoted to getting acquainted, but we have quite extensive plans outlined for the coming season, and expect to exploit philately in the daily press and enroll every live, wide-awake collector in town if it is at all possible.

The members in good standing at the present time are: Herbert Armstrong, S. A. Kaasen, Arthur Oehler, H. R. Palmer, G. C. Corballey, J. E. Rodenhaver, and Carl W. Art.

Our official organ is "Everybody's Philatelist," that lively stamp paper of our own great Northwest.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL W. ART, Secretary.

REPORT OF SAGINAW BRANCH No. 34.

Saginaw, Mich., August 15th, 1911.

F. R. Cornwall, Chairman, St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:—In response to your request of July 25th for report of our branch of A. P. S. No. 34, I beg to state that our club, known locally as the Saginaw Stamp Club, is composed of six individual members of the A. P. S. and a large number of other collectors who regularly attend meetings.

Regular meetings are held in the post office or at some member's home every other Monday evening. We have had twenty-three meetings the past year, three being missed on account of the smallpox epidemic in our city during October, November and part of December, during which time all public gatherings were prohibited.

After the business before the society has been attended to our evenings are spent in informal chats, trading among the younger collectors, and other such amusements of a stamp collector. We have made special effort in interesting the younger collectors of our city, and we feel that we have been successful in our efforts, which fact is shown by a goodly number of younger collectors regularly attending our meetings to afterwards trade.

Our officers as standing now are as follows: J. J. Spencer, President; Joseph Demers, Vice President; Donald W. Martin, 704 Holland Ave., Secretary and Treasurer; Frederick Doughty, Exchange Manager.

The Chair: It is moved and seconded that the reports of the Branch Societies be referred to the Committee on Branch Societies and that that Committee report back as to the conditions of the Societies. Is that correct, Mr. Cornwall?

Mr. Cornwall: Yes sir.

The Chair: The Branch reports in detail to be printed in the usual manner. Any discussion?

The motion was carried unanimously.

The Chair: That carries us to the next order of business, which is that of communications. The secretary will read the communications.

The Secretary read the following communications:

Columbus, O., August 21st, 1911.

W. H. Barnum, Secretary A. P. S., Lasalle Hotel, Chicago, Ills.

Prevented at eleventh hour from joining you. Please give regards to bunch, and wish them all good luck except Harry Legg, and pull that. C. B. DUFFY.

Scranton, Pa., August 22nd, 1911.

American Philatelic Society, Hotel Lasalle:

Sincere and hearty congratulations on the Society's 25th birthday.

L. H. KJELLSTEDT.

Stockholm, August 9th, 1911.

H. N. Mudge, Esq., President of The American Philatelic Society,

6643 Normal Ave., Chicago, Ill., U. S. A.

Dear Sir:—Having learned that The American Philatelic Society during 22-25 inst. celebrates her 25-years jubilee, I hereby have the honor and pleasure, on behalf of the Swedish Philatelic Society, to send our best wishes and congratulations, which I beg you kindly to make known for your esteemed Society.

Hoping that your Society shall as hitherto succeed in bringing the Philatelic science forward to mutual interest and honor, I am, Sir,

Yours most respectfully,

SIXTEN KEYSER, President.

Springfield, Mass., August 1st, 1911.

To the American Philatelic Society:

By a unanimous vote of the Springfield Stamp Club, I am directed to invite your body to hold its next annual convention in Springfield, Mass. It was our pleasure to entertain you in 1902, and we trust we shall be permitted to again have the pleasure in 1912.

For the Club,

WM. C. STONE, Secretary.

The Secretary: I also have a great number of communications from various civic organizations and hotel corporations relative to this same proposition. I do not think that you care to hear them.

The Chair: They will be referred, if there is no objection, to the Committee on the next place of meeting. All the communications received will be placed on file with the exception of the communication from the Swedish Philatelic Society which will be referred to the Committee on Resolutions, and the communication from Springfield which will be referred to the Committee on the next place of meeting.

Gentlemen, we have made unusual progress today, more progress than has ever been made in my experience as presiding officer, and our programme shows that we will devote from 3 P. M. to a daylight inspection of the stamp exhibit. As this is a good place to leave off, I would suggest, after I get through telling you one or two little things, that we adjourn for the afternoon until nine o'clock tomorrow morning. I think that we have gained the time to warrant it.

All that I have to say—in addition to any announcement that the Entertainment Committee may have to make—is that in this programme there is a little note to the effect that a further opportunity of viewing the stamps will be had Friday, August 25th and Saturday—that should also include Sunday. That exhibition will be open on Sunday. And I will say for those who were not here last evening, to please remember that your American Philatelic Society badges admit you to the exhibition while that exhibit is at the Art Institute—the badges admit you free. On Wednesday it is a free day, and Saturday and Sunday are free days, but Thursday and Friday you might wish to go in there and then your badges may be necessary.

Mr. Severn: I have in reality nothing further to report, but I will repeat that the boat sails at 7:30 tonight, at the north end of the Clark St. bridge, on the west side, and that we will leave the hotel at 7 o'clock. Many, no doubt, will go directly to the dock, which should be reached before 7:30, as at that time the boat proceeds on its way. It is our expectation to return about 9:30. There will be many of the Chicago members around the hotel and they will be at the disposal of the visitors, and if they will indicate their wishes in any way we will strive to meet them. Mr. Johnson, I believe, will supplement my remarks.

Mr. Johnson: The Registration Office will be open until 3 o'clock in case any are here who have not registered, and it will be open from 6:30 to 7:00 this evening so as to take in those who come late this evening.

Mr. P. M. Mann: I want to know if this will be a moonlight excursion?

Mr. Severn: By consultation with the almanac and the daily paper I know that the moon will rise at 2:50 tomorrow morning, so that it is possible that some of us may finally see the moon before our final return to the hotel. (Laughter.)

The Chair: I will say, as a long resident of Chicago, that it would be an excellent idea for those of you who have your wraps, to carry them with you.

An adjournment was then duly taken and announced to Wednesday morning, August 23, at 9 o'clock A. M.

SESSION OF WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 23rd, 1911.

The Third Session was called to order by the President, Mr. H. N. Mudge.

The Chair: The first business should be the report of the Credentials Committee, but inasmuch as they were not able to get to work properly, they are not able to report yet and we will pass that. Are there any communications?

The Secretary: I have a communication here from the International Secretary. It is a sort of an addendum to his report. He says:

(See Addendum to International Secretary's report. Page 53)

The Chair: There is no reason that I can see why the Secretary cannot incorporate that in the report as an addendum to the published minutes.

The report from the Attorney is in order. Mr. Fowler.

REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY.

Chicago, Ill., August 22nd, 1911.

To the Board of Directors and Members of the American Philatelic Society, in Convention assembled:

During the year that I have filled the office as Attorney for the Society I have received thirteen claims amounting to \$407.71, and have collected and remitted to members the sum of \$42.26, being payment of one claim in full and one claim collected in part. There are outstanding at the present time eleven claims amounting to \$355.21, the greater part of which I am hopeful of collecting.

I had occasion to prefer charges against one member, and I am advised that by vote of the Board of Directors he was allowed to resign.

I would suggest that some change be made to more clearly indicate to the membership at large who are persons under age, so that they may know when they are dealing with members who have no legal responsibility.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY ADES FOWLER,
Attorney, American Philatelic Society.

The Chair: If there are no objections, the portions containing the recommendations will be referred to the Resolutions Committee. Mr. Secretary, have you a report from the Counterfeit Detector?

The Secretary: No report has been submitted.

The Chair: Of the committees, our reports are complete except that of the Expert Committee, of which Mr. John N. Luff is Chairman.

Mr. Luff: Candid confession is good for the soul. There has been so little attention paid to the Expert Committee by the members of the Society for several years that the Chairman of the Committee had practically forgotten that it existed, and I came in quite oblivious to the fact that there was such a committee or that a report might be expected. I really do not recall whether we have examined one stamp in the last year or not, and I cannot make very much of a report on that line. But I must say that the Committee is willing to aid the members and we are anxious to do something for the Association. I do not know whether it has been our fault or the fault of the members. They haven't given us any work to do. At any rate, since the Committee was established, I believe at the Springfield Convention, something like ten years ago, I think their work has averaged about three or four stamps a year to determine. I do not think that in the last year we have kept up to the average. But I do not think that the Committee is to be blamed for that.

The Chair: I guess not. I think, in view of Mr. Luff's promises, that his verbal report is much more interesting than it would have been had he written it out.

I appointed to the Resolutions Committee yesterday Mr. Quackenbush, with the understanding that he was to be here. Not being here, however, I appoint Mr. A. W. Batchelder to the Resolutions Committee in place of Mr. Quackenbush. Has any one seen Mr. Jerrems?

Mr. Batchelder: I am sorry, but I will have to decline. I have already served on one committee. I must leave tomorrow. I have several appointments and they will preclude my serving on that committee.

The Chair: In place of Mr. Quackenbush and Mr. Batchelder, who regrets

his inability to serve on the Resolutions Committee, I will appoint Mr. Hugh M. Clark.

On the Committee on Branch Societies I will appoint Mr. John Kay in place of Mr. Jerrems, Jr. Mr. Eaton, are you ready to report for the Credentials Committee?

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE.

Chicago, Ill., August 23, 1911.

To the Officers and Members of the American Philatelic Society.

Gentlemen:—The Committee on Credentials beg leave to report the following additional proxies:

E. M. Rosenthal	10
T. C. Mann	4
John N. Luff	2
W. A. Sisson	2
C. V. Webb	1
Donald W. Martin	5

In regard to the claims of E. Doeblin for twelve more proxies other than which he has been credited, we find they have not been received by the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

D. T. EATON,
A. W. BATCHELDER,
P. M. WOLSIEFFER,
J. F. RUST,
CHESTER MYERS.

The Chair: New business is in order.

Mr. Nast: I would like to introduce this at the request of Mr. H. P. McIntosh, of Cleveland, O., a public spirited citizen who has spent, perhaps, \$10,000 since the starting of the Publicity campaign. I will read it.

RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, The annual reports of the Postmaster General for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1909, and June 30th, 1910, show that the first class or letter mail produced last year a profit of over \$53,000,000.00 and more than \$59,000,000.00 for the current year, which probably was entirely absorbed by the losses incurred in handling other classes of mail at less than the cost of the service.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by The American Philatelic Society, that the individuals and business men of the United States should be accorded at once a rate of one cent for the ordinary business letter, and that our Secretary be instructed to forward copy of these resolutions to Hon. Frank H. Hitchcock, Postmaster General, with request that he make an effort to have the necessary legislation to secure that reduction enacted at once.

The Chair: If there are no objections, the Resolution will be referred to the Resolutions Committee. Any further new business? If not, reports of committees are in order. I will call for the report of the Committee on Finance? On Library? On Sales Department? On Branch Societies? I expect the Resolutions Committee is the only one that is ready at this time. Mr. Cornwall?

Mr. Cornwall: The Resolutions Committee wish to report the following and recommend their adoption:

RESOLVED: That the membership of the Committee on Catalogue of U. S. postage stamps be continued as at present, except that the name of F. R. Cornwall be substituted for that of H. N. Mudge.

The Chair: You have heard the recommendation, gentlemen; what is your pleasure?

On motion of Mr. Stone, duly seconded, the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Cornwall: We also recommend the adoption of the following:

RESOLVED: That the 25th Anniversary Committee be continued as at present, until its present labors are completed in connection with the stamp exhibition.

On motion of Mr. Batchelder, duly seconded, the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Cornwall: We also recommend the adoption of the following:

RESOLVED: That the sum of \$50.00 be appropriated to the use of the Educational Committee.

On motion of Mr. Luff, duly seconded, the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Cornwall: RESOLVED: That the sum of \$50.00 be appropriated to the use of the Recruiting Committee.

On motion of Mr. Stone, duly seconded, the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Cornwall: I move the adoption of this Resolution:

RESOLVED, by The American Philatelic Society, that the individuals and business men of the United States should be accorded at once a rate of one cent for the ordinary business letter, and that our Secretary be instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to Hon. Frank H. Hitchcock, Postmaster General, with request that he make an effort to have the necessary legislation to secure that reduction enacted at once.

This was introduced by Mr. C. A. Nast and recommended by your Committee.

On motion of Mr. Stone, duly seconded, the resolution was adopted.

The Chair: I believe it is better to be snappy and do the work properly, but not too brief. Now, we have got a little bit ahead of matters and there is absolutely nothing further that I can draw out that is ready to report, and there is no new business. I would suggest, therefore, that we give a certain length of time for the work of the Committees right here, if possible; some of them can probably do their work right here. General Coolidge, I have appointed Mr. John Kay, with your permission, in place of Mr. Jerrems.

General Coolidge: Where is Mr. Fischer?

The Chair: Mr. Fischer is right here. A recess is in order.

The Secretary moved and Mr. Fowler seconded that a recess for half an hour be taken, which motion was carried.

After the recess, the Chairman called the meeting to order and announced the continuation of committee reports, calling on Mr. Nast, Chairman of the Library Committee.

Mr. Nast: In support of the recommendation the Committee is going to make, I will say that heretofore the appropriations have always been for binding books simply. We have gone a step further in our recommendation and left it to the discretion of the Librarian to expend some money in the purchase of books. By reference to the report in last year's volume you will find that he had to forego an offer from the London Philatelist Society of certain volumes needed to complete our own set in Pittsburg of the London Philatelist because he had no money at his disposal. Here is the recommendation, Mr. President:

REPORT OF THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

Your Committee respectfully recommends that the sum of one hundred dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the use of the Librarian, the same to be expended for the binding of present volumes and the purchase of other volumes necessary to complete sets, and still lacking in the library, at his discretion.

CHARLES A. NAST, Chairman,
W. A. SISSON,
O. S. HART.

The Chair: Gentlemen, you have heard the report.

Mr. Drury: I move its adoption.

Mr. Cornwall: It has been the custom in years past to put at the disposal of the Library the sum of \$50 each year, and it is rather unfortunate that the Librarian has not drawn on that fund. It is there for him. In our past administrations the Librarian has asked permission to buy certain books for the Society, which was given. I think that \$100 is too much, and we as a Resolution Committee have prepared a resolution putting at the disposal of the Librarian, as heretofore, the sum of \$50 for the purchase of books and the binding of books, and we therefore suggest that that part of the report, at least, before its adoption, if it is in the nature of a resolution, be referred to the Resolutions Committee so that we can handle it. Because if we put in the Librarian's hands the sum of \$100, it is more than is actually needed—more than he has ever used in any single year. We have put \$50 there at his disposal; it has been there for years to be drawn on at his will.

Mr. Nast: I would like to ask the gentleman what Mr. Burgoyne means by this paragraph: "No purchases have been made, for the reason that, while provision has been made for the binding of books, there is still no fund in the hands of the Librarian to secure new publications. As a result of this omission, an offer recently made by the London Philatelic Society of volumes of the London Philatelist needed to complete the set had to be ignored. I repeat, therefore, my previous suggestion that the Librarian be empowered to make desirable purchases and that a fund be placed in his hands for that purpose."

I suggest that the Committee has no objection providing the \$50 is left to the discretion of the Librarian to dispose of as he likes, either for binding or for the purchase of books.

Mr. Cornwall: Yes, sir; that is it.

The Chair: I can explain that to you. There has always seemed to be a misunderstanding. I myself have written Mr. Burgoyne and Mr. Craver that the sum of \$50 was at their disposal, and Mr. Nast has the report there, which he had read from, that was made. But elsewhere in that book, unless I am very much mistaken, you will find that on the boat, going up the Detroit River, we settled that and gave him the money; but he seems to think that he must have the cash in his hands, whereas I have told him that he is authorized to make those expenditures and draw for the money as needed. There is the whole trouble, I think.

General Coolidge: Cannot we change the resolution from \$100 to \$50?

The Chair: I should have advised Mr. Nast. I think that report should be referred to the Resolutions Committee. Generally the appropriation of money is handled by the Resolutions Committee, but there has been a misunderstanding and it seems to me that it can be very simply rectified if the Resolutions Committee would make a motion to the effect to amend that as applying to their part, or if Mr. Nast on his part chooses to change that portion of his report.

Mr. W. A. Sisson: Allow me to ask about one point. If the money that was appropriated last year and the year before has not been used, if that is available, we would have no objection to changing that to \$50.

The Chair: No, it would not be available.

Mr. Sisson: It seems to me that \$100 is little enough if we are ever to be able to get our library in proper shape. I cannot agree with Mr. Cornwall that \$50 is enough, because there may be opportunities offered to the Librarian where he could pick up something that would be very valuable if he could have the money and that he could not get if he did not have the money. I think \$100 is small enough.

The Chair: Any further discussion? The motion is that the report of the Library Committee, which carries with it the \$100 recommendation, be passed.

Mr. Luff: Has a formal motion been made?

The Chair: Yes.

Mr. Cornwall: I move to amend the resolution, changing the sum from \$100 to \$50. I make that motion to amend in view of the fact that for several years \$50 has been placed at the disposal of the Librarian and he has not drawn that sum.

Mr. Luff: I second the motion.

There being no further discussion on the amendment, the motion to amend was put and carried. The original motion to accepting the report as amended was then voted upon and carried.

The Chair: Is the Committee on Sales Department ready to report? Major Palmer is chairman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SALES DEPARTMENT.

Your Committee on Sales Department is of the opinion and recommends that the question of whether there be Branch Managers or not be left wholly to the decision of the Sales Superintendent, with the understanding that, if appointed, such Branch Managers shall be wholly responsible to the Sales Superintendent, who in turn is the only officer directly responsible to the Society.

All sales, substitutions, etc., should be settled direct with the Sales Superintendent by the Branch Managers concerned, who, in case of failure to procure settlement with members, should submit his complaint direct to the Board of Vice Presidents for their action.

F. L. PALMER, Chairman,
FRANK BESCHER,
PERCY MCG. MANN.

On motion of Mr. Cornwall, duly seconded, the report was adopted.

The Chair: Is the Committee on Branch Societies ready to report?

General Coolidge: The Secretary has the report.

The Chair: Mr. Fischer.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BRANCH SOCIETIES.

Chicago, Ill., August 23, 1911.

The American Philatelic Society:

Your Committee on Branch Societies begs leave to report thirteen Branch Societies have made reports this year, viz: Chicago Branch No. 1; St. Louis Branch No. 4; Philadelphia Branch No. 18; Columbus Branch No. 21; Detroit Branch No. 25; Louisville Branch No. 26; Berkeley Branch No. 27; Springfield Branch No. 28; Cleveland Branch No. 30; Philippine Branch No. 33; Saginaw Branch No. 34; Buffalo Branch No. 37; Spokane Branch No. 38.

The balance of the Branches, although notified thirty days before the date of the Convention to send in a report, have failed to do so.

District of Columbia Branch No. 36 has already been annulled, and should not be listed in the next convention number of the American Philatelist.

Milwaukee Branch No. 24 and Los Angeles Branch No. 35 asked that their charter be annulled, and we recommend this.

Branches Nos. 20, 22 and 23 annual dues have not been paid, and we recommend the annulment of these charters if their dues are not paid by January 1, 1912.

We further recommend that the branch managers either be put under bond or abolished.

Owing to much confusion of reports we would suggest that only one report be sent to the Board of Vice Presidents instead of three as called for by the by-laws.

The third recommendation in the report of the Secretary of the Society in reference to branches admitting none but A. P. S. members, we believe that article in the by-laws should stand as at present.

Respectfully submitted,

GEN. C. A. COOLIDGE,
JOHN KAY,
ERWIN L. FISCHER.

The Chair: You have heard the report of the Committee on Branch Societies. What is your pleasure?

On motion of Mr. Stone, duly seconded, the report was adopted.

The Chair: The Committee on Resolutions.

Mr. Cornwall: The Committee offers the following: RESOLVED: That the Philatelic Society of St. Petersburg, Russia, be elected a corresponding member of the American Philatelic Society.

On motion of Mr. Luff, duly seconded, the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Cornwall: RESOLVED: That our subscriptions to the Philatelic Literature Society and the Vertrauliches Korrespondenz Blatt be continued as in the past.

On motion of Mr. Klein, duly seconded, the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Cornwall: RESOLVED: That the asterisk used to designate minors, in the printed list of members, refer to a foot note on each page when used.

The Chair: That is the request by the Attorney, who says that there is no way now by which minors are clearly distinguished in the printed list of members. At the Atlantic City convention it was decided that the names of minors should be indicated by an asterisk. There is a head note referring to the asterisk. We ask that it be put as a foot note on every page.

On motion of Mr. Stone, duly seconded, the resolution was adopted.

The Chair: Mr. Secretary, please turn that resolution over to the By-Laws Committee. I am not quite sure, but I think that in the by-laws there is a clause that minors shall be so indicated, but we want to be specific and add that to every page if necessary.

Mr. Cornwall: RESOLVED: That the Secretary draw a warrant in favor of Wm. R. Ricketts for the sum of \$50, which includes \$25 heretofore appropriated on account of the Philatelic Index Committee.

On motion of Mr. Luff, duly seconded, the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Cornwall: RESOLVED: That the Secretary publish in full the names of members dropped for non-payment of dues.

At the present time they are referred to only by number, and in the Secretary's report he suggests that if their full names be published he thinks that he will be able to get them back into the fold.

Mr. Batchelder: It is very, very hard indeed for the people back here to know what is going on up there in front. I think there are some resolutions that are going through that some of us might object to. This last one I did get enough knowledge of to think that I might object to it. What was it?

Mr. Cornwall: That the Secretary publish in full the names of members dropped for non-payment of dues. That is the resolution that is up for adoption.

Mr. Batchelder: I think it would be a great mistake. Some of us, and I think a good many in different sections of the country, every year when the numbers are published do take the pains to go over those numbers and find out

if any of the names on it are of men in their neighborhood with whom they are well acquainted. They write and urge those members to remain. Now, if their names are published, in a good many cases the best men would never come back to the Association. A good many men look upon Societies like ours as something that it does not make so much difference about, whether they pay their dues promptly or not. They may be prompt in everything else but they are a little slow about that. They get a notice and put it off, and put it off. A great many of those men can be induced to pay their dues. But if names are published, some of them never will. I think it would be a great mistake.

General Coolidge: I am in favor of the Secretary's recommendation from the fact that I do not think I ever looked over those numbers to find if my number was there. I have received the membership list, but whether I paid or not I would never know the fact from looking at the list. I have paid my dues regularly so that I can say this, but I have never looked to see if they were paid. I have never looked to see if my number was down. I know that my nephew's number was down last year but I did not know it until the Secretary of our Society called my attention to it, and then I had to go and get him to pay his dues. He didn't care and he wouldn't have noticed it. A great many men are that way. They take up the paper, but they don't know their numbers—I don't know mine; I couldn't tell you today. (Laughter.) I could tell you my name, if I saw it. Well, then, that is the fact. A great many people do not know that they are delinquent in their dues and we lose them through inattention to it, unless somebody calls their attention to it especially. So, I think as the Secretary does, that men don't pay their dues because they do not see that they are delinquent, and it would prevent that in a great measure. I am in favor of the change back to the old way. If I found my name down there as not paid I would go and pay it up, but I would not feel hurt. It would be my neglect or carelessness in not having paid it. I knew one gentleman in Detroit last year was put down there and his attention was called to it; he had been busy and he could not attend to it; but he did not feel hurt about it and he went and paid up his dues. I think that we had better go back to the names.

Mr. Luff: I quite concur in General Coolidge's remarks. I for one never notice any published list, and I would not take the time and trouble to look through that membership list to see who they are. Possibly Mr. Batchelder would. A great many gentlemen do not even know their own number. I wonder if Mr. Batchelder knows what his number is?

Mr. Batchelder: Mr. President, I don't know. (Laughter.) Here are three—Mr. Luff, General Coolidge and myself. (Laughter and applause.)

Mr. Luff: I know my number.

Mr. Batchelder: Nine-tenths of the members of the Association, unless they pay when they first get the notice, overlook it until somebody calls it to their attention. In most of the cities there is somebody who makes it his business. We get together and we check off the list, and we get back a lot of members. The Secretary will tell you so, and their secretaries will tell you so. Those men, if they are dropped, some of them never come back. The Secretary adds that—

The Chair: Mr. Luff has the floor, Mr. Batchelder.

Mr. Batchelder: He gave way to me. (Laughter and applause.)

Mr. Luff: (Resuming. With your permission, Mr. Chairman. I am glad to know that there are so many good philatelists in Boston. It is the only town that I know of where they take the time and trouble to look up their careless friends and put them right. But I think that General Coolidge is right when he says that most of us do not know our own numbers but know our own names. He does know his name and he does not like to see that name put in print as

being so careless. If he did not pay his house rent, he would have trouble with his landlord. He is likely to square himself, when he does not pay his dues. I think it will make a lot of them pay up whom we would otherwise lose. I think that we lose a lot who drop because they do not pay their dues; maybe they do not know for two or three years that they are out. They do not like their names in print and they are apt to try to get back into the fold.

Mr. Doeblin: It is a little late in the day, but, as Mr. Batchelder says, sometimes the best men do not pay their dues, though I consider the best men are the men who attend to their business by paying their dues when they get the card. But going around and soliciting the people to pay their dues is a hard job. I have done it for a good many years. I think that the Secretary or Treasurer ought to send about the first of October to each delinquent member a card saying, "Your dues are not paid; please remit." That is all.

The Secretary: Mr. Batchelder's remarks would be a little more in order if it were not for the fact that for the one year that I held office each member received three notices, if necessary, before he was finally dropped. I also wish to take issue with Mr. Batchelder on his statement that more return under the present system. We had about 28 reinstatements this year from those that lapsed in the current year. Last year the Ex-Secretary's report showed nine reinstatements. Year before, under the old system, there was something between forty and sixty—I forget the number—

Mr. Stone: 46—

The Secretary: 46. It strikes me that after a man receives three notices and neglects all, he must be super-sensitive if he objects to having his name published. If his was the only name published he might take offense, but he always has plenty of company. I know of no member in Cleveland—and I think we have pretty good members in Cleveland—who ever looks through that list of delinquents. I have heard a good many say that they did not.

Mr. Eaton: I was the originator of publishing by number instead of by name. I was called down, not by any member of the Association, but I think Mr. Wolsieffer called me down after discussion for not publishing the names instead of the numbers. But I am kind of sorry that it has created such a hubbub, because I inaugurated it. But I really found it most satisfactory, and I kept up the publication by numbering regardless of the fact that there had never been any orders as to how we should publish those who were dropped. But, as Mr. Barnum says, I know that I have sent out as high as five letters. I did not send them notices, I sent them letters. That means an expenditure of nearly ten or fifteen cents each, but most of them we finally got back. In the first year we got most of those that we did publish the names of. For my own part, I would sooner the names would be published because I keep a card list of all the members of the Philatelic Society and I have tried to keep it up to date, but when they are 150 or 200 names dropped by number, it is pretty nearly a day's work to get those cards out of the list; otherwise I could get them out in perhaps an hour.

Mr. Batchelder: Just one word more. The resolution is to publish the names of those who are dropped, as I understand it.

The Chair: Right.

Mr. Batchelder: Now, if the resolution was that those in arrears must pay the dues within a certain date, some of them would pay. After they are dropped, some of them we would never get back.

Mr. Luff: Would it, perhaps, help to settle this discussion if we published both the name and the number? (Laughter.)

The Chair: It is moved and seconded that the names of those who are dropped be published in the official journal.

The motion was carried.

Mr. Cornwall: We recommend the adoption of the following:

RESOLVED: That the American Philatelic Society, in convention assembled, and celebrating its Silver Jubilee, hereby extends to the Philatelic Society of Sweden its best wishes and felicitations on its twenty-five years of signal achievements in the interests of Philately, and expresses the hope that for many more years its future will be brighter, if possible, than the past; and that the International Secretary convey these sentiments to the Philatelic Society of Sweden.

On motion of Mr. Klein, duly seconded, the resolution was adopted.

The Chair: Is the Committee on Place of Next Convention ready to report?

Mr. Doeblin: We had hard work to do it, but we did it. Mr. Whittaker, please read it.

COMMITTEE ON NEXT CONVENTION.

The Committee on next Convention have received invitations from the following sources: The Mayor of Buffalo; Chamber of Commerce and Manufacturers Club, Buffalo; Hotel Statler, Buffalo; Hotel Rudolf, Atlantic City; Bureau of Publicity, Atlantic City; The Convention Bureau, St. Louis; The Chamber of Commerce, Colorado Springs; Cedar Point Resort Co., Cedar Point, Ohio; Washington Chamber of Commerce, Washington, D. C.; Seattle Commercial Club, Seattle, Wash.; Niagara Falls Bureau of Conventions; Springfield Stamp Club.

The foregoing invitations, being with one exception from Publicity Bureaus, etc., and not endorsed by any local Philatelic Society, your Committee recommends that the invitation of the Springfield Stamp Club be accepted as the Convention Seat for 1912.

We took in consideration the fact that genial Mr. Stone, who has attended twenty-one conventions out of twenty-five, has spent so much money for railroad fares and hotel bills, that we feel we can save him this annual expense. The Springfield Stamp Club being built, as it were, on a foundation of stone, they should well be able to carry the burden of our next convention.

Respectfully submitted,

E. DOEBLIN,
MRS. T. S. FARQUHARSON,
W. G. WHITTAKER.

(Prolonged applause.)

General Coolidge: In behalf of the Detroit Philatelic Society, I move the adoption of the resolution to have Springfield declared the place of the next meeting.

Mr. Batchelder: I think at this time that one thing should be called to the attention of this Convention—that in Massachusetts the bars close at 11 o'clock. (Laughter.)

Mr. Luff: We have been there, Mr. President and Gentlemen, and we know how to get around that. (Laughter.)

The Chair: Mr. Stone.

Mr. Stone:

There's a Springfield in Ohio and there's one in Illinois,
There's another in Kentucky where the blue grass waves in joy;
Even Hoosier Indiana claims a Springfield as her own,
While Missouri boasts her Springfield and is waiting to be shown.

There's a Springfield in Nebraska, and Wisconsin also counts,
While the Springfield, Colorado, rears its head among the mounts,

Oregon and South Dakota do not have to seek in vain,
Washington on the Pacific has its Springfield, so has Maine.

In New Jersey and New Hampshire, in Vermont and Tennessee,
Minnesota, West Virginia, there are Springfields three and three;
'Way down south in Alabama, Georgia, Florida, as well,
Still we find the name of Springfield, still we feel its mystic spell.

But when people mention Springfield, none of these come to mind;
There's another better Springfield than the others all combined,—
Yes, a bigger, grander Springfield, which in all things can surpass.
I bring you an invitation from the Stamp Club of Springfield, Mass.

(Continued laughter and applause.)

Nine years ago, at the Buffalo Convention, the American Philatelic Association did us the honor to accept our invitation, and in 1902 we entertained the Association. The Springfield boys haven't yet got through talking of that convention. Those of you who were present can testify as to whether we did our duty as entertainers, and what they think of Springfield. I cannot promise you as lavish an entertainment as you will get in the larger cities, but I saw Mr. Tom a week ago Monday, and the view was just as fine as when we took you up there nine years ago. The Connecticut River still flows by the City—and it isn't as rough as Lake Michigan. (Laughter.)

Springfield has grown since last you met us. We are now climbing up toward the 100,000 mark. We have two nicknames now. For years we have been known as the "City of Homes," but now we are getting to be known as the "Magnet City." Things are being drawn into Springfield. New manufactures are starting up; new citizens are coming in from everywhere. In the last ten years Springfield has increased about 45%. That for a New England city is a large percent. We cannot keep up with the western cities where they double their population every year or so, but it is a good, steady, healthy growth.

It is a manufacturing city, but it is not confined to any one industry. It is not a mill town. We manufacture almost everything there—even Philatelic supplies; stamp tongs are manufactured there (laughter) though we only learned that by accident. (Laughter.)

A member suggested envelopes.

Mr. Stone: Yes, envelopes, and Hand Books. The first United States postal card were printed in Springfield, and it may be news to you that the water mark that is put on United States Stamps comes from Springfield. The paper that United States bank notes are printed on comes from very near Springfield.

I might go on for a long time and mention the varied attractions of our city. But I will not tire you longer. I hope that you will come to see for yourselves. We will do our best to entertain you. We are a small bunch, but most of us are live wires. (Continued laughter and applause.)

General Coolidge's motion to adopt the resolution making Springfield the next convention city had been widely seconded, and after the applause the Chair declared the motion carried.

General Coolidge: I would ask the members from Springfield if when I go to Springfield they will remember the A. P. S. button? (Laughter.)

Mr. Luff: I would like to ask the gentleman who represents the Springfield Club if at the next convention they will have the mountain cut down and the river filled up so that the walking will be better? (Laughter.)

The Chair: Finance Committee No. 2, have you been able to do your work?

Mr. Johnson: They are now in session.

The Chair: Anything more from the Resolutions Committee? If we have no further business, a motion to adjourn will be in order.

Mr. Nast: Before you make that motion to adjourn I would like to ask if the U. S. Revenue Society members cannot have a meeting right here now on adjournment? There has been a good deal of inquiry about that, and I think that now that we are here assembled we might have a meeting upon adjournment this morning.

The Chair: If there are no objections, the session will be adjourned until 1:30 P. M.

Mr. Severn: Before adjournment is taken I would like to say a few words. Mr. President, I wish to call particular attention to the fact that this afternoon we shall take the auto ride. We shall gather at the Madison Street entrance of the hotel at 3:30, because at 3:40 we take the autos and proceed on our trip. On this occasion it will be very necessary that each one should have a ticket, for the tickets will be collected and that ticket will be evidence that the person that presents it is the proper one. After we start on our trip things will take care of themselves, but I wish once more to say that it is necessary that you bring your coupon books and have them ready for the gentlemanly collector who will pass among you and collect the tickets.

The Secretary: I wish to announce that I have plenty of application blanks in case any member wishes a supply or in case any visitor wishes to take one with him.

The Chair: If any of you have proxies, please give them to the Credential Committee. The session stands adjourned to 1:30 this afternoon.

SESSION OF WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 23d, 1911.

The Fourth Session was called to order by the President, Mr. H. N. Mudge.

The Chair: The Credential Committee's report? Is Mr. Eaton here, or any one representing him? I wish the members of the By-Laws Committee will kindly bear in mind that immediately upon our return this evening from the automobile ride we are to have our session in room 1817. Are there any communications?

The Secretary: There are no communications, Mr. President, but a report from the Counterfeit Detector.

The Chair: The report from the Counterfeit Detector is in order.

The Secretary read the report.

REPORT OF THE COUNTERFEIT DETECTOR.

New York, August 15, 1911.

American Philatelic Society:

The services of the Counterfeit Detector have been in active demand. During the past year a total of 655 stamps were submitted for examination. Of this number 340 were originals, 206 forgeries, and 93 reprints. No opinion was given in sixteen instances.

No noteworthy forgeries have come into the market in any quantity during the past year, though it might be said that the surcharged Puerto Principe stamps have required very close study and are often extremely difficult to detect. The postmarks have also been extremely cleverly imitated, and too great caution cannot be exercised in acquiring rare varieties.

Owing to greatly increased demand upon my time, I find it impossible to continue the work of this office another year, and beg to state that I shall not be a candidate for appointment after the expiration of the present term.

Respectfully submitted,

J. MURRAY BARTELS.

Counterfeit Detector

The Chair: You have heard the report, gentlemen; if there are no objections, it will be received and placed on file. Is the Resolutions Committee ready to report?

Mr. Cornwall: We recommend the following:

RESOLVED: That the American Philatelist be published quarterly, as at present, and sent free to all members.

That, gentleman, is in harmony with the amendment which I understand is to be made to the By-Laws regarding the change in the dues, and we wish to present that resolution at the present time and ask that it be adopted.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, duly seconded, the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Cornwall: RESOLVED, That the Educational Committee be continued, with the President as chairman ex officio thereof, and that its headquarters be located at St. Louis instead of at Chicago, as at present.

On motion of Mr. Stone, duly seconded, the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Cornwall: At the Detroit Convention it was resolved that \$250 be appropriated to the 25th Anniversary Committee, but it has not drawn on that fund, and in order to continue the resolution which was adopted at that time, we ask that the following be adopted:

RESOLVED: That the 25th Anniversary Committee be authorized to draw on the general fund of the society up to the sum of \$250.00, and such additional funds as may be authorized by the Board of Directors, in harmony with the resolution adopted at Detroit.

The Chair: You will remember that in my report that sum was appropriated for immediate use, and that the Board of Directors was authorized to warrant additional sums from time to time in case of necessity. That, of course, would be at the discretion of the Board of Directors, and on being called upon they would have authority to act.

Mr. Cornwall: The resolution as corrected reads: RESOLVED: That the 25th Anniversary Committee be authorized to draw on the general fund of the Society up to the sum of \$250, and such additional funds as may be authorized by the Board of Directors, in harmony with the resolution adopted at Detroit.

On motion of General Coolidge, duly seconded, the resolution was adopted.

The Chair: Dr. Wherry has the report of Finance Committee No. 2.

Chicago, August 24th, 1911.

Mr. President:—Your Finance Committee No. 2 begs leave to report as follows:
First:—Sales Superintendent:

Our audit of this department is purely formal, the detail having been accomplished by a local committee under the direction of the Board of Vice Presidents.

We find the accounts and items listed agree with the accounts credited by the Treasurer.

Second:—Educational Committee:

We find the receipts to have been as follows:

Credited in previous years' report but paid during present fiscal year	\$10.00	
Received from subscriptions	547.05	
Received in payment of postage	43.27	
Sale of stamps	5.10	\$605.42
Forward from previous year.....		20.79
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		\$626.21
Disbursements.		
Vouchers to date		\$645.28
Deficit Balance		<hr/>
		\$ 19.07

We find the Deficit Balance divided and due as follows:

To—

Iver R. Johnson	\$ 2.17	
Scott Stamp & Coin Co.....	6.00	
Toledo Stamp Co.....	10.90	\$19.07

Third:—Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Committee:

We have examined the report of the Treasurer of this Committee, and find the amount received from Mr. Rust to have been \$1,337.75. Disbursements, vouchers 1, 2 and 3, totaling \$55.36, leaving a balance on hand of \$1,282.39. We have verified the figures in this report, and find same correct, but are unable to confirm the balance on hand, as the vouchers and certificate of deposits are not at our disposal.

Fourth:

We have audited the Secretary of this same Committee, and find the receipts from all sources to have been as follows:

General Fund	\$1,160.75
Medal Account	90.00
Official Catalogue	62.00
Special to Catalogue	25.00

\$1,337.75

Respectfully submitted,

W. P. WHERRY,
ALVIN GOOD,
T. C. MANN,

Committee.

On motion of General Coolidge, duly seconded, the report was adopted.

The Chair: Has the Credentials Committee a supplementary report?

Mr. Eaton: We have received some new vouchers.

The Chair: A report from your Committee is due at the beginning of each session. Are you ready to report?

Mr. Eaton: No, we are not.

Mr. Cornwall: In the report of the Board of Vice Presidents, it is noted that the retiring Board incurred an expense of \$23. It has been the custom to cover that in the form of a resolution.

RESOLVED: That the Secretary issue a warrant to F. R. Cornwall for \$23 for expenses of the retiring Board of Vice Presidents.

On motion of Mr. Stone, duly seconded, the resolution was adopted.

The Chair: Is there any new business? You remember that in my report I advised you concerning the proposed special exercises in connection with the 25th Anniversary and gave you reasons why it was not carried out. That, of course, was in anticipation of our being more busy than we have been so far. When the report of the Finance Committee comes up tomorrow, and the By-Laws report, we will have some business to do and possibly some members will have new business to introduce. We have, however, some little time yet before we go on the automobile ride, and I am afraid that if you are dismissed that you will get scattered and that there will be some trouble in rounding you up. It seems to me, therefore, that it is still not too late to have a little impromptu 25th Anniversary Celebration in the form of a few remarks from one of our oldest members, if he will so favor us. Mr. Doeblin, will you tell us something about the old times of the Association? (Applause.)

Mr. Doeblin: That is a surprise to me.

The Chair: I know it is; I could not help it; you know it is informal.

Mr. Doeblin: I don't know what to speak about. It reminds me of a new school superintendent. He came into the school and he heard speeches of the

little children, and then the teacher asked him to make a speech. But he stood there and didn't know anything; he didn't know anything what he was to say. He said, "Well, what shall I say?" And a little girl said, "What do you know?" (Laughter.)

The Chair: That is why I called on you. I think you know a lot.

Mr. Doeblin: I would like to talk, but I am embarrassed. I don't know what to talk. Why didn't you pick out a man like William Stone?

The Chair: He comes to all the conventions and we hear him oftener than we do you.

Mr. Doeblin: You are mistaken. I used to talk a good deal, but I quit that. My wife wouldn't let me. (Laughter.)

The Chair: O, that is it?

Mr. Doeblin: My connection with the American Philatelic Society extends for about twenty-three years. I have attended sixteen conventions and have always had a good time. That is the best I can say for it. I was thirteen years International Secretary and for fifteen years a resident Vice President of Pittsburg, and I was once candidate for President. (Laughter.) The best thing the Society could do was to beat me. (Laughter.) I was very much pleased when I was beaten, because such a great man ran against me like my friend, John Luff. We wrote the nicest letters while we were in the campaign. He sent nice postal cards and I sent him nice postal cards, and we were afterward better friends than ever. But I had a good remedy that made me happy when the Chicago Society made me an honorary member of their Society. I was in swimming in the ocean when the special delivery boy came on and brought me a letter from Chicago, in the ocean, and I opened it and I saw the thing and I pretty near fell in the water. (Laughter.) You know, I can't stand water—but it went over me very nice.

I have met many men in the Convention who became friendly and we are great friends now. I am glad to say, and I feel honored, that they all like me.

I am not so fat as I used to be six years ago. They always called me a fat man. I am skinny now. (Laughter.) I want to say that I am glad that we have such a good President for another year—Mr. Cornwall. Well, if I live, I guess we will see each other in Springfield. Springfield is a nice place. It would be if it was not for anything else but to see William Stone and his home. He will entertain you cordially. If you are in Springfield, you will have a good time. I was there and if I can do so I will be there again. (Applause.)

The Chair: Thank you, Mr. Doeblin. (Applause.) We will hear the report of the Credentials Committee.

Mr. Eaton:

August 23, 1911.

Your Committee on Credentials begs leave to report the following additional proxies:

John N. Luff	3
Frank Bescher	4
I. R. Johnson	1
Ben G. Green	1
E. Doeblin	1
Jno. F. Rust	1
H. A. Fowler	1

Respectfully submitted,

D. T. EATON,
A. W. BATCHELDER,
J. F. RUST,
P. M. WOLSIEFFER,
CHESTER MYERS.

The Chair: Mr. Eaton, unless you have already done so, in the next report that you make tomorrow morning, in order that there may be no mistake in the future, I suggest that you summarize the total number of proxies.

Mr. Stone, as has been suggested by Mr. Doebelin, has, I think, pretty near the record of attendance at all conventions, but aside from that, which gives him certain information, he has recently had occasion to dig into history. Of course we have no disposition or time for any lengthy discussion of the history of the Society, but there are many here with us who perhaps haven't the slightest idea of our past, and if Mr. Stone will be so good I think we could spend a few minutes hearing him roughly outline certain features concerning its history.

Mr. Stone: I am glad that you gave me a hint not to read the twenty-five year history which I have prepared. It fills about forty pages of typewritten manuscript. But in preparing it I have found many interesting facts. I have prepared and kept for the last few years a list of all the members who are recorded as having attended a convention. That does not include the present one. 497 have attended only a single gathering; about 150 have attended from two to four meetings; 36 have been present under ten, and 14 members have been present at more than ten conventions. I think it is worth while to put those men's names on record. Please remember that these do not include the present convention. I should say that Mr. Mekeel attended the first eleven conventions, a consecutive record until he left the Association. R. R. Bogert, W. H. Barnum, A. W. Batchelder, Alvah Davison, E. T. Parker, attended ten each. C. H. Mekeel, F. J. Bescher, C. W. Kissinger attended eleven each. C. E. Severn and P. M. Wolsieffer attended twelve each. F. H. Burt, thirteen; E. Doebelin, fourteen; H. E. Deats, nineteen; W. C. Stone, twenty.

To those who are present here, we want to add one each to make the record complete to date. (Applause.)

My first convention was here in Chicago in 1887. I have told you about it a number of times before. When we registered we each of us received this red ribbon badge inscribed, "Second Annual Convention. American Philatelic Association. Chicago, August, 1887."

That was the first convention badge and for a number of years it was the only one, because we did not have them regularly every year as we have them now. The Chicago convention was held in the Tremont House. There was a good deal of rumbling in the air—an official journal fight up, Chicago against St. Louis, and we came here anticipating a fight.

It required a majority of the entire membership to do anything, and we had just about six or eight over that number represented in person or by proxy, so we had to get together and smooth things over so as to do everything by unanimous consent, for four or five of us could have upset the whole thing.

At Boston nothing special occurred. I was not at St. Louis. In 1890 in New York we stirred up a good deal of bad feeling. There was an attempt made to suspend our official journal, the American Philatelist; and give it to another paper.

The convention was unable to amend the by-laws; so certain members held us over for another day while they sent out special delivery letters and got in enough proxies to change the by-laws; by four or five votes. We appealed to the members for a mail vote, and inside of sixty days we had 360 signatures and we needed only fifty. The vote was in favor of reinstating the American Philatelist, 391; against it, 35.

We reinstated it and it lived for a number of years.

Chicago in 1893 was rather a "disappointment" convention. There were about fifty here, but almost everybody was in a hurry to rush through the sessions and

go down to the Midway. It was the World's Fair and we did not have a very social time, except down there.

We met twice at Niagara Falls. We had rather a small attendance but we had a very good time. I think Niagara was the first time when we had any attendance of ladies. But in 1895 the idea of getting more of the ladies out started. Mr. Mekeel and Mr. Krauth did a good deal of work arousing enthusiasm, and we had a jolly good time there. It was a small place; we were all together. There was a large attendance of ladies as well as of members, and we had a royal good time. And ever since that day the ladies have been taking part in the conventions.

I won't say anything about Boston. We have always had a good time in Boston and always will. The Association always beats all records when it comes to Boston, Chicago has it now.

I won't say anything about Springfield. I would rather leave that to some of those who were there and can speak for themselves. Mr. Batchelder, Mr. Doebelin, Mr. Hassler can do that.

But I want to say what a nice time we had in Detroit. I had been looking forward to going to Detroit for a good many years. I have friends there, but I had never been there more than a day. I was agreeably disappointed in my reception. I knew that we would have a good time, but I did not know that we could have near as good a time as we did. A more beautiful city I do not know that we have in the United States—Springfield, of course, is excepted.

A member asked, "How about Chicago?"

Mr. Stone: I don't even except Chicago. Those of you who were there will back me up in saying that we had a royal good time. Everything went off smoothly. It was the first convention that we ever had where we never used a roll call, and I think it waked up a lot of members who had never been to conventions before. That is one thing I notice here in recent conventions—the large number of young members who come out.

In the conventions that I have attended I think that I must have become acquainted with fully 500 members of the Association. Before I came out here to Chicago in 1887 I do not think that I knew twenty stamp collectors outside of my own town. I never met them personally, no matter how much I corresponded with them. I knew some of them by correspondence for twenty years but never had met them. That is one thing that I want to impress on the members—if you want to get in touch with stamp collecting, attend one convention at least and you will get the germ in you that will make you want to attend more.

I don't want to take any more time, Mr. Mudge. Some one spoke about saving me expenses by coming to Springfield next year. I appreciate that. I had the curiosity to add up the mileage that I have gone over in attending the twenty-one conventions, which amounts to something over 15,500 miles in attending the twenty-one conventions. I haven't dared to add up what I paid in hotel bills and railroad fares. (Laughter and applause.)

The Chair: Is there any new business to come up?

Mr. Green: I had a letter today from Dr. J. B. Henderson, Columbus, O., the President of the American Numismatic Association. He asks me to give his greetings to the convention of the American Philatelic Society. He will be here on Sunday and will attend the Numismatic Convention next week.

The Chair: I am sure that we appreciate the greetings and I will refer the matter to the Resolutions Committee for a proper answer.

It seems a little bit absurd to try to hold you here together when we are really doing nothing. There is no business to be done and hence I think, with your consent, I will in a moment declare the meeting adjourned, unless there is some-

thing else that is to come up. It strikes me, unless something is developed, we may adjourn. We will have considerable business in the morning with the By-Laws, but that will not take so very long because up to the present time there has not been enough come in to make the report long or laborious or, I think, take much of your time. In view of the fact that we all of us get more or less tired, and that there was delay in starting in the morning, I would suggest that the meeting be called for ten o'clock tomorrow morning instead of nine. If there are no objections to that, the session will now be adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

SESSION OF THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 24th, 1911.

The Fifth Session was called to order by the President, Mr. H. N. Mudge.

The Chair: The first business is the supplementary report of the Credentials Committee.

Chicago, August 24, 1911.

To the Officers and Members of the American Philatelic Society.

Gentlemen:—Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to present its fourth and final report, which includes all proxies received to date, which have been assigned to the following members:

A. W. Batchelder	33
F. G. Bescher	6
C. Bangs	3
H. M. Clark	26
H. C. Crowell	2
H. A. Davis	25
E. Doeblin	3
D. T. Eaton	34
H. A. Fowler	15
E. L. Fischer	1
B. G. Green	1
Alvin Good	2
A. P. Hosmer	18
C. F. Heyerman	34
I. R. Johnson	19
C. W. Kissinger	1
Eugene Klein	12
Otto Lehman	7
Julius Levy	5
John N. Luff	13
P. G. Mann	6
T. C. Mann	4
D. W. Martin	5
Paul Mason	4
Fred Michael	3
C. A. Nast	4
E. T. Parker	1
Percival Parrish	1
E. M. Rosenthal	11
Jno. F. Rust	30
J. F. Sensow	2
C. E. Severn	28
W. A. Sisson	2
C. Staub	1

A. C. Stewart	1
W. C. Stone	44
C. V. Webb	6
W. G. Whittaker	15
P. M. Wolsieffer	50
H. L. Lindquist	1

All of which is respectfully submitted.

D. T. EATON,
P. M. WOLSIEFFER,
CHESTER MYERS.

The Chair: You have heard the report; if there is no objection it will be placed on file. Are there any communications?

The Secretary: No communications.

The Chair: If not, the next order of business will be the continuation of the report of the Resolutions Committee; if they have nothing the By-Laws will be taken up. If you are all supplied with copies of the By-Laws, we will now proceed.

You will recall that the change of By-Laws requires a two-thirds vote of all members, either in person or by proxy at a convention, which two-thirds vote shall be one-third of the total membership. We have not sufficient proxies represented to carry any of the By-Laws except by unanimous consent. I don't think you will find in the changes that are offered by the By-Laws Committee anything at all radical, or anything that any of you can object to. At the same time, of course, you have your rights in the matter. But I call your attention to that fact, and as I go through these, point at a time, remember that when the vote comes to carry it, it must be unanimous.

General Coolidge: This leads into a very funny situation, or rather an equivocal one; but in this connection I think that we ought to insist, or, rather, in the future endeavor to get out enough proxies to transact a little official business in our convention, and I hope that another year our Secretary will endeavor to get it out. There is something wrong in the Society when the members do not take enough interest, if they do not come here, not even to send their proxies. Unfortunately, this year even the officers have been elected by less than one-third of the vote, and we ought to be elected by a majority, I think. I hope that we will endeavor to remedy this state in the future.

The Chair: I think, General Coolidge, that your sentiments are felt by all of those present. Your remarks will be made a matter of record.

Page 2; second column; Section 3, Art. II. As that section now stands, it divides the dues, as you will remember I explained in my address, into a 30-cent and a 90-cent proposition, in connection with the subscription to the American Philatelist, which is now no longer necessary, and the change that has been made is to put us back, as it was intended that we should remain, on to the \$1.20 basis of dues. As corrected it also includes a recommendation by the Secretary that foreign members be charged the same as those in this country. The old law called for \$1.80 as against \$1.20, that additional amount being put on at a time when we had to pay on the official journal, for which we were regular subscribers, an additional amount to get it to foreign members. That no longer being necessary, we have eliminated that feature of the old law.

As it is proposed to change this, there are but a few corrections. Sec. 3: "The annual dues shall be \$1.20 to all members. No further change until you get down to the black type, which has been entirely eliminated.

The following paragraph after black type slightly changed to read as follows:

"Members paying dues by personal check must add thereto ten cents for exchange."

That is practically, with the slight correction that I have mentioned relating to the foreign members, as the law was before it was changed last year.

If there is no discussion on that, a motion for its adoption will be in order.

It was moved by General Coolidge, and seconded, that Sec. 3, Art. II, be amended as read, which motion was carried unanimously.

The Chair: The next change is on page 6, second column; 30th line; it is a little more than half way down. It is Sec. 3; Art. V. The change begins at:

—"the general report of the condition of the Society required by law to be made by the Directors."

After the word "directors,"—when you have found it. This is in reference to the Secretary's duties. If you all have the place. After the word "directors" take out the period and continue that sentence to read—so as to give you the connection, I will read the context. To begin that sentence:

"He shall prepare and present to each annual convention, and to any special meeting, when so required by the Board of Directors, or the stockholders calling the same, the general report of the condition of the Society, required by law to be made by the Board of Directors,"—

Now continue:

"together with a complete financial statement of the transactions of his department for the year, accompanied by all of his books of account and record."

That, "together with a complete financial statement," etc., is simply saying that the Secretary, for purposes of auditing, and the like—

General Coolidge: Will you please read that again?

The Chair: "He shall, etc., required by law to be made by the directors, together with a complete financial statement of the transactions of his department for the year, accompanied by all of his books of account and record."

He already makes that report—has been doing so right along. But it is a question of getting all books here for the purpose of audit.

It was moved by General Coolidge, and seconded, that Sec. 3, Art. V, be amended as read, which motion was carried unanimously.

The Chair: The next correction is on page 7, practically opposite where we were; Sec. 4, Art. V, first column; 20th line. It refers to the Treasurer. Where the Treasurer is told that he shall make at the annual convention a complete financial statement of the transactions of his department for the year, accompanied by the proper vouchers, his books of account, a cashier's certificate of the amount of money on deposit, etc.

Preceding the words: "his books of accounts," the word "all" is inserted: bring "all his books of account." That is in harmony with the previous change that we made, and there is no change except that there is sometimes a misunderstanding of what is necessary and this specifies that ALL are desired.

It was moved by General Coolidge, and seconded, that Sec. 4, Art. V, be amended as read, which motion was carried unanimously.

The Chair: Page 88; Sec. 1, Art. VII; under the heading "Officers and Standing Committees." Following "An Examiner of Sales Books" we have changed the line, "An Editor" to "An Editor of the American Philatelist." It is simply a better designation of who that editor is.

It was moved by Mr. Stone, and seconded, that Sec. 1, Art. VII, be amended as read, which motion was carried unanimously.

The Chair: On that same page (8) at the top of the second column, Sec. 1, Art. VII, insert between "A Committee on Philatelic Index" and "A Recruiting Committee:" "A Committee on Hand Books." That is, you will find later that we have made such a Committee one of our permanent Committees instead of continuing it under resolution.

It was moved by General Coolidge, and seconded, that Sec. 1, Art. VII, be amended as read, which motion was carried unanimously.

Page 11, Sec. 6, Art. VII; under the head of "Editor." That has been added to, but in no way changed, except for business reasons; certain changes which will appear have been made here and also some refinement given it in its method of expression. We have made Sec. 6 read as follows:

"Sec. 6. Editor of the American Philatelist.—"

Now, perhaps, it will involve you a little more in following if I undertake to tell you the same kind of markings that I make and I will try first by reading it as corrected and then, if that is not satisfactory, we will go back and handle it in another way.

"Sec. 6. Editor of the American Philatelist.—The editor shall edit all advertising and reading matter excepting official matter originating with the President or Secretary, and shall invite literary contributions and pass upon the same for publication.

That is the first paragraph, and there is no change in fact but a change in expression only. The second paragraph:

"He shall solicit and arrange all advertisements. He shall collect all moneys due on advertising accounts and shall turn the same over to the Treasurer without deduction"—

This is new.

—"without deduction, immediately after the issuance of each number, accompanied by an itemized statement showing specifically on which contracts payments have been made, and the several amounts; such moneys to be placed in the general fund."

The new matter inserted there is a matter of accounting. The next sentence reads:

"He shall in general act as business manager of all matters pertaining to the publication of the American Philatelist.

"The editor's compensation shall not exceed \$50 per number in addition to postage and printing expenses; which shall be paid to him by warrant on the General Fund."

That is the nature and extent of the change, and it is purely a matter of clerical procedure on the part of the editor.

It was moved by Mr. Stone, and seconded, that Sec. 6, Art. VII, be amended as read, which motion was carried unanimously.

The Chair: The next change is on page 12. Sec. 12, Art. VII. Sec. 12 remains as it is and between the present Sec. 12 and Sec. 13 insert a new Section, which would then become Section 13, and the present Section 13 would become Section 14 and the present Section 14 would become Section 15. The proposed new section is as follows:

"Sec. 13. Committee on Philatelic Hand Books.—It shall be the duty of this Committee to undertake the publication, as opportunity offers, of Philatelic Hand Books that shall be low in cost yet worthy of the name of the American Philatelic Society. The conditions under which said Books may be issued shall be left to the Committee, whose plan for publication shall be endorsed by the Board of Vice Presidents before definite action be taken; and in case of the publishing of such Books involves the expenditure of money from the Treasury of the Society, it shall be necessary for the Board of Directors to consent to such expenditures before the approval of the board of Vice Presidents shall become operative."

That, with slight changes of English purely, is the resolution under which this Committee has previously operated.

It was moved by Mr. Stone, and seconded, that the proposed section as read be inserted, which motion was carried unanimously.

The Chair: I think, with your permission, I will add, to clear this up, that Sec. 13 becomes Sec. 14, and Sec. 14 becomes Sec. 15. The motion will include that correction, I presume?

Mr. Stone: Yes.

The Chair: The next change is on the following page, 13, under Art. IX. Official Journal. In the third line there is an addition made, so that the first sentence reads as follows:

"The Official Journal of this Society shall be chosen by vote at the annual election, subject to the single condition that the vote shall be inoperative if, at the annual convention recording the vote the Society should legislate to publish its own Official Journal."

I spoke of that matter in my annual report, if you will remember, and perhaps no further explanation is necessary.

It was moved by Mr. Stone, and seconded, that Sec. 1, Art. IX, be amended as read, which motion was carried unanimously.

The Chair: The next will be Art. X, page 13, the following column. The second paragraph; Art. X, page 13. It is referring to the American Philatelist. "The second number shall be issued by February 1st," etc. Now, that has been corrected to read as follows:

"The second number shall be issued about February 1st, and shall contain such literary matter as may be selected, and a list of all active members arranged alphabetically, numerically and geographically; the names of minors in the alphabetical list shall be marked with an asterisk, the significance of which shall be explained in a note at the foot of each page."

That is in accordance with the resolution that has been passed. Otherwise there is no change except in the matter of phraseology. What is your pleasure with regard to that change?

It was moved by Mr. Fowler, and seconded, that the second paragraph of Sec. 1, Art. X, be amended as read, which motion was carried unanimously.

The Chair: The next change begins at the bottom of page 13; Sec. 2; Art. X; any reference to the subscription price of the Philatelist is struck out entirely, thus making the present Sec. 3 become Sec. 2. That was unnecessary in order to conform to what has preceded.

It was moved by Mr. Stone, and seconded, that Sec. 2, Art. X, be stricken out, which motion was carried unanimously.

The Chair: The next change that comes alters nothing as to fact but it deals with a certain paragraph that, because of the hurry of the occasion on which it was written is somewhat crude in expression. It has been a refinement of English. This is Sec. 4 of Art. XI, in regard to Branch Societies. The second paragraph. The first two lines from the bottom of the last of the first column have been changed to read as follows:

"Each Branch shall furnish to the Secretary of the Society the name and address of its Secretary, to whom all communications shall be sent. At each annual convention said officer shall make a report showing the number of meetings his Branch has held during the year, the number of members in good standing, and any matters pertaining to the work of the Branch Society. Upon request of the Board of Vice Presidents, the Secretary of any Branch shall furnish any information which the Board may request pertaining to the membership and work of said Branch."

It is a matter of English. The instruction is practically the same.

It was moved by Mr. Stone, and seconded, that Sec. 4, Art. XI, be amended as read, which motion was carried unanimously.

The Chair: That, gentleman, closes the work of the amendments of the By-Laws. I thank you for your uniform courtesy in listening to what is a pretty hard thing to handle in view of the condition in which the copy is. (Applause.)

Any new business, gentlemen? If not, I would suggest an adjournment until 1:30 this afternoon.

Mr. Severn: Before you adjourn, I should like to call attention to the fact that we have received an invitation from Mr. C. R. Clark, the father of Hugh M. Clark, who is one of the officers of the Chicago Board of Trade, to the effect that admission on the floor may be obtained through showing the badge. Those members who wish to do so, between the hours of 9:30 A. M. and 1:15 P. M. may proceed to the foot of La Salle St., about three blocks south, and there present themselves at the Board of Trade and ask for Mr. Clark who, if he can, will be glad to conduct you on to the floor and explain such workings as are public.

In regard to the trip to Riverview this afternoon, almost immediately following the adjournment; we shall have specially conducted parties that will leave at intervals of ten minutes, so it depends wholly upon the time of adjournment—that is, the final adjournment—as to when the first party will leave. But a second party will leave ten minutes later and a third party ten minutes after the second party.

The Chair: I wish to make one statement. After this session will be the last opportunity for registration, and if any one has not yet registered, or has a friend who has not yet registered, please look up Mr. Clark in room 1816.

General Coolidge: I want to inform the members of the Society that I have a few of the membership badges of this National Society. This is the official badge of the Society. I have a few left, if any of you desire them. They will be readily recognized when you get to Springfield next year before you get your local badge. I also want to say that Mr. Hugh M. Clark will be the western representative of Bailey, Banks & Biddle, and today they can be obtained from Mr. Clark; hereafter you will have to write to the manufacturers. There are two sets of badges. One is the gold badge, \$2.50. The other is the silver plated button or lapel button. They come with a pin, so that the ladies can pin them on their dresses.

The Chair: If there is no further business, the session will stand adjourned to 1:30 P. M.

SESSION OF THURSDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 24th, 1911.

The Sixth Session was called to order by the President, Mr. H. N. Mudge.

The Chair: I beg to apologize for not having called you to order on time, but as near as I could observe you were not impatient, and I have been waiting for a certain Committee to be ready, whose report we will want, and while they are not ready as yet, we hope that they will be before we have to adjourn. I refer, of course, to the First Finance Committee, who will be able to make a partial report and who advise that they are getting along nicely; that while there is a great deal of detail, they are in excellent shape. Their absence accounts for some faces which otherwise would be on the floor, Mr. Hassler, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Mann and Mr. Batchelder, who is kindly helping them out. Mr. Secretary, have you any communications?

The Secretary: I have a telegram here addressed to our President elect:

F. R. Cornwall, Hotel La Salle, Chicago:

Congratulations on your unanimous election. Cordial greetings to convention.
Julian Park.

The Chair: Has the Committee on Resolutions anything?

Mr. Cornwall: The Committee on Resolutions recommends the following:

RESOLVED, That the Secretary be requested to have published on the outside back cover of each issue of The American Philatelist suggestions to members as to whom to address on various topics pertaining to the Society's business.

On motion of Mr. Stone, duly seconded, the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Cornwall: As the result of his labors in connection with the First Finance Committee, Mr. Johnson asks that we submit the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the Committee on Finance be appointed at the same time as the Credentials Committee and that all books, records and accounts coming within the jurisdiction of this Committee from officers, (elective or appointive), and committees, be turned over to them not later than Monday noon first preceding the opening session of the Convention. In addition to certifying the correctness of the accounts this Committee shall report upon the condition and completeness of all reports referred to them.

On motion of Mr. Stone, duly seconded, the resolution was adopted.

The Chair: I have had handed to me the Report of the Judges of the 25th Anniversary Committee on the Awards given at the Exhibition, and it will now be read by Mr. Fowler, Secretary of the Judges.

Mr. Severn: Mr. President, if you will allow me, I wish to say that I have a number of schedules of classification, and those who wish to follow the awards may do so more completely having one of these in hand.

The Chair: You will now give attention to the reading of the report.

REPORT OF THE JUDGES OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE ON THE AWARDS GIVEN AT THE EXHIBITION.

Chicago, August 24th, 1911.

H. N. Mudge, Chairman Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Committee, American Philatelic Society.

Dear Sir: The Judges of Exhibits of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary Stamp Exhibition, held at the Art Institute, Chicago, August 22nd to 27th, 1911, report as follows:

Class 1, Section 1, Subsection A.

Collection of United States postal adhesives, including unpaids, departments, newspaper and special deliveries.

First Award—Gold medal, donated by Hugh M. Clark to George H. Worthington, Cleveland, Ohio.

Second Award—Silver medal, donated by Hugh M. Clark to Frederick R. Cornwall, St. Louis, Mo.

Third Award—Bronze medal, donated by Hugh M. Clark to Arthur W. Robertson, Rockford, Ill.

Class 1, Section 1, Subsection C.

Philippines.

First Award—Gold medal, donated by Fred. Michael to Major F. L. Palmer, U. S. A. retired, Atlanta, Ga.

Class 1, Section 1, Subsection D.

Canal Zone, Porto Rico and Guam.

First Award—Gold medal to George L. Toppan, Chicago, Ill.

Second Award—Silver medal donated by Henry J. Crocker, to Laurence B. Mason, Cranford, N. J.

Class 1, Section 2, Subsection A.

Collection of cut square United States envelope stamps.

First Award—Silver medal, to Mrs. W. W. Randall, New York, N. Y.

Class I, Section 2, Subsection B.

United States revenue stamps, general issues.

First—No award.

Second Award—Bronze medal donated by Henry J. Crocker, to Van Dyk MacBride, Passaic, N. J.

Class II, Section 1, Subsection D.

Express franked envelopes of the United States.

First Award—Silver medal donated by Henry J. Crocker, to Henry B. Phillips, San Francisco, Calif.

Class II, Section 2.

Collection of fifty, or less, rare or interesting covers.

First Award—Silver medal to George H. Worthington, Cleveland, Ohio.

Second Award—Bronze medal to Edgar Nelton, Battle Creek, Mich.

Class III, Section 1, Subsection A.

Special collection of any country, excepting the United States, in North America.

First—No award.

Second Award—Silver medal to Edgar Nelton, Battle Creek, Mich. Nova Scotia.

Third Award—Bronze medal to George L. Toppan, Chicago, Ill. Danish West Indies.

Class III, Section 1, Subsection B.

Special collection of any country in South America.

First Award—Gold medal to Ernest R. Ackerman, Plainfield, N. J. British Guiana.

Class III, Section 2, Subsection A.

Special collection of any country in Europe.

First Award—Gold medal to Casey A. Wood, Chicago, Ill. Greece.

Second Award—Silver medal to Edward M. Taylor, Altadena, Calif. Montenegro.

Class III, Section 2, Subsection B.

Special collection of any country in Asia.

First Award—Gold medal to William J. Gardner, San Francisco, Calif. China.

Second Award—Silver medal to George H. Worthington, Cleveland, Ohio. Ceylon.

Third Award—Bronze medal to Philip H. Ward, Jr., Philadelphia, Pa. Siam.

Class III, Section 2, Subsection C.

Special collection of any one country in Africa.

First Award—Gold medal to Frederick R. Cornwall, St. Louis, Mo. Cape of Good Hope.

Second Award—Silver medal to Edwin A. Fleisher, Philadelphia, Pa. Sudan.

Third Award—Bronze medal to Edwin A. Sawyer, Boston, Mass. Seychelles.

Class IV, Section 1, Subsection A.

Collection of two or more countries in North or South America.

First Award—Gold medal to George H. Worthington, Cleveland, Ohio. New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Newfoundland.

Second Award—Silver medal to Edgar Nelton, Battle Creek, Mich. Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

Class IV, Section 2, Subsection A.

Collection of two or more countries in Europe, Asia, Africa or Oceania.

First Award—Gold medal to Charles Lathrop Pack, Cleveland, Ohio. New Zealand and Queensland.

Second Award—Silver medal to Frederick R. Cornwall, St. Louis, Mo. Queensland, New South Wales, New Zealand, South Australia, Tasmania and Western Australia.

Third Award—Bronze medal to Eugene Doebelin, Pittsburgh, Pa. Germany and old German States.

Class V, Section 1.

General collection of 100 varieties of unused stamps from not less than ten countries.

First and Second—No awards.

Third Award—Bronze medal to Capt. Arthur P. S. Hyde, U. S. A., Fort Flagler, Wash.

Class V, Section 2.

General collection of 100 varieties of unused and used stamps from not less than ten countries.

First Award—Gold medal to Edgar Nelton, Battle Creek, Mich.

Second Award—Silver medal to Chas. Frederic Heyerman, Detroit, Mich.

Third Award—Bronze medal to Joseph M. Wilson, Allentown, Pa.

Class VI, Section I, Subsection A.

Best collection of United States and Colonies.

First Award—Silver medal to Beardsley Ruml, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Class VI, Section 1, Subsection C.

Best collection of any other country.

First Award—Silver medal to Herbert C. Loth, Chicago, Ill. German Empire.

Class VII, Section 1.

Philatelic literature.

First Award—Silver medal to New England Stamp Co., Boston, Mass. "Canada, Its Stamps and Postal Stationery."

Second Award—Bronze medal to the Philatelic Publishing Co., New York, N. Y. Vol. I, bound, of "The Philatelic Gazette;" 224 pp.

Class VII, Section 2.

Philatelic Catalogues and Albums.

First Award—Silver medal to Scott Stamp & Coin Co., New York, N. Y. Albums, Catalogues, Duplicate Books, etc.

Second Award—Bronze medal to J. M. Bartels Co., New York, N. Y. Bartels' United States Envelope Catalogue. 1911.

Class VII, Section 3.

Philatelic Mechanical Aids and Appliances.

First Award—Silver medal to Philip Mathias Wolsieffer, Chicago, Ill. Wolsieffer's Approval Cards.

Second Award—Bronze medal to United Stamp Co., Chicago, Ill. Marquette Benzine Cups, Kruge Milimeter Scale and Tongs.

Special Exhibit—Not for Exhibition.

Honorable mention and thanks of the Judges to Pacific Philatelic Society, San Francisco, Calif., a collective exhibit of the stamps of the members of the Society.

Your Judges regret their inability to award certain medals to three exhibitors but as they had already been awarded medals in their respective classes, their secondary exhibits could not be considered.

Your Judges especially wish to announce the fact that in making the awards in Class VII, Section 2, that John N. Luff did not participate in its deliberations.

Your Judges as authorized by the rules and regulations of the competition have in several instances withheld awards on account of insufficiency of competition and for the reason that some exhibits did not in their opinion warrant higher awards.

Your Judges wish to extend their sincerest thanks and appreciation to the

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directors of the exhibit for their kindness and aid tendered us, and which materially aided and facilitated our work.

In conclusion, we feel that the Exhibition has been a great success and a material aid to the extension of our science.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN N. LUFF, Chairman,
HENRY ADES FOWLER, Secretary,
WM. C. STONE,
D. T. EATON,
EUGENE KLEIN.

The Chair: Gentlemen, you have heard the reading of the awards of the Judges of the stamp exhibit, which will be placed on file for proper insertion in the American Philatelist.

I hope that your patience is not being taxed, but there is a Committee that is expected to report at any moment. Unless there is some new business that some one wishes to introduce, we have nothing left with the exception of that Committee's report and certain formal resolutions which appropriately and most properly come at the end of the session. If, therefore, I am not taxing your patience too much, I will declare a recess until I see what we can do. We will take a recess subject to call.

AFTER INTERMISSION.

The Chair: I thank you for your indulgence, and I am sure that the Committee does that is now about to report. Of my knowledge I can testify to the fact that they worked last evening well into the morning and have been hard at work all day to this time. We will now have the report of the Finance Committee No. 1.

To the Stockholders of the A. P. S.: Chicago, August 24th, 1911.

Your Finance Committee No. 1 begs leave to submit the following partial report:—

Owing to the new system inaugurated last year, and also to the change in the office of treasurer, it was considered advisable to check up all items of receipts and disbursements before installing the new treasurer.

The accounts of the Secretary and those of the Treasurer are in splendid condition, the work having been carefully done.

Owing to lack of time we have not had time to present our formal detailed report, and we ask permission to submit same to the Board of Directors for their approval.

Respectfully,

IVER R. JOHNSON, Chairman,
CHAS. F. MANN,
L. C. HASSLER,
Finance Committee No. 1.

(The following is the final report of Finance Committee No. 1, submitted after the close of the Convention in accordance with the vote of the Convention.)

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE NUMBER ONE.

F. R. Cornwall, President American Philatelic Society:

Your Committee on Finance Number One, to whom was referred the reports of the Editor, the Secretary, and the Treasurer, respectfully report that we carefully checked and examined all of the books and records accompanying the reports referred to us, and find as follows:

Report of the Editor.

This report shows the receipt of \$91.50 on account of the Quarterly, which has been turned over to the Treasurer. No statement of advertising sold or contracted for, or other data accompanies the report.

Report of the Treasurer.

The following is an abstract of the Treasurer's accounts for the year:
Balance in the Treasury (1910) as per report of Finance Committee, page 96, Vol. 24, No. 1 American Philatelist

To Credit of

Stock Fund	\$3,598.66	
Insurance Fund	1,430.97	
Exchange Fund	54.25	
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	\$5,083.88	
Less General Fund overdrawn	732.97	\$4,350.91

Receipts.

General Fund	\$2,201.27	
Stock Fund	138.00	
Insurance Fund	235.89	
Exchange Fund	20.35	
Suspense Account	86 50	\$2,682.01
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Total to be accounted for.....		\$7,032.92

Disbursements.

General Fund	\$2,232.51	
Stock Fund	4.00	
Insurance Fund	462.43	
Exchange Fund37	
Suspense Account	40.60	\$2,739.91
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Balance in the Treasury..... \$4,293.01

Divided as follows:

Stock Fund	\$3,732.66
Insurance Fund	1,204.43
Exchange Fund	74.23
Suspense Account	45.90

\$5,057.22

Less General Fund:

Overdrawn previous years	\$732.97	
Overdrawn this year (1910-11)	31.24	764.21
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		\$4,293.01

Located as follows:

In bank per certificate Ex. "A".....	\$1,682.77	
Less outstanding check	\$1.00	
Less due Treasurer	1.10	2.10
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	\$1,680.67	
Bonds (Book value)	2,612.34	
On hand August 1st, 1911.....		\$4,293.01

We have carefully examined and checked all of the cancelled vouchers and find them in form and correct.

Treasurer's vouchers amounting to \$750.66 reported issued but not cleared through bank by the Finance Committee at the Detroit Convention have been paid and properly cancelled.

The Treasurer's Books, Records and Accounts have been well and carefully kept, and we take pleasure in certifying to their correctness and cheerfully recommend his honorable release from Surety Company Bond.

Report of the Secretary.

We have carefully examined all of the books and records of the Secretary's Office, and find that the new system adopted by the Detroit Convention has been installed and is in good working order.

We have carefully checked and compared the accounts of the Secretary with those of the Treasurer and find same correct.

We find that the Secretary has the Current Expense Account amounting to \$100.00 intact August 1st, 1911, as required by law.

We are glad to report that the affairs of the Secretary's Office are now on a sound substantial basis, and that the work during the past year has been well done.

Respectfully submitted,

IVER R. JOHNSON, Chairman,
CHAS. F. MANN,
L. C. HASSLER,

Finance Committee No. 1.

The Chair: You have heard the report of the Committee. What is your pleasure?

Mr. Cornwall: I move that the report be accepted.

The motion was seconded and carried.

The Chair: That carries with it, of course, the fact that the report will be submitted to the Board of Directors and will be published in the American Philatelist.

Has the Resolutions Committee anything more to report?

Mr. Cornwall: Mr. Chairman, we have a few resolutions to present.

RESOLVED, That a vote of thanks be given to the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary Committee for the enormous labors expended, and the comprehensive and satisfactory work done in connection with the Exhibition at the Art Institute.

On motion of Mr. P. McG. Mann, duly seconded, the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Cornwall:

RESOLVED, That a vote of thanks be given to the Judges of Exhibits for their painstaking labors and fairness in making awards.

On motion of Mr. W. A. Sisson, duly seconded, the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Cornwall:

RESOLVED, That the Chicago Art Institute be given a vote of thanks for the accommodations furnished for the stamp exhibition, and the many courtesies extended; and that the Secretary convey these sentiments to Mr. French, director of the Art Institute.

On motion of Mr. Stone, duly seconded, the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Cornwall:

RESOLVED, That a vote of thanks be extended to the retiring officers of the Society for their loyalty and untiring efforts in the interests of the Society during the past year, and that a special vote of thanks of the A. P. S. be extended to Dr. W. P. Wherry, of Omaha, Treasurer of the A. P. S. 1909-10 and 1910-11 for the very able and business-like administration of the affairs of his office.

Mrs. T. S. Farquharson moved that the resolution be adopted, which motion was duly seconded and carried.

Mr. Cornwall:

RESOLVED, That a hearty vote of thanks be given to our hosts, the Chicago Philatelic Society and Chicago Branch No. 1, for their hospitality, the entertainments furnished us in such generous measure, and the cordial welcome extended to all visiting members.

General Coolidge: I move that that resolution be accepted by a rising vote.

The motion was duly seconded and carried by a standing vote.

Mr. Cornwall: And the last resolution, which it gives us the most pleasure to present, is the following:

RESOLVED, That in extending to our retiring President our deep appreciation and thanks for the untiring efforts and zeal with which he administered the affairs of the Society, we also express to him our best wishes for his future health and happiness.

We love him, not alone for the work he has done, but for the sacrifices he has made.

He has impressed his personality and individuality upon our Society; our hosts have impressed his features upon our convention badge; both impressions are indelible and undying.

It is but a fitting tribute to his monumental labors to refer to the fact that his administration concludes with what he, more than any one else, has built up and fathered, to-wit: the greatest Stamp Exhibition ever held in this country.

This resolution was received with prolonged applause and cheering. Then the members enquired in stentorian tones

"What's the matter with Mudge?

He's all right!

Who's all right?

MUDGE!"

And this was the occasion for more cheering, laughing and hand-clapping. The motion was seconded by Mr. Batchelder and Mr. Hassler, among so many others, that the formality of an actual vote was overlooked, because it was not necessary.

President Mudge: Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen. In a terse way I expressed my feelings and my appreciation of all that I knew that you felt for me in my report. I can add but little to that, except to say that I feel deeply this expression of good-will, good fellowship and appreciation. And I want to add to that this one fact, however, that when you remember Mudge also remember those who worked so faithfully with him.

Is there any further business?

Mr. Severn: In behalf of a proxy I wish to make the following suggestion: That is, at coming conventions a certain allotment of time be made in the program to the fact that all members who have stamps that they wish to bring to show to the fellow members may do so, with the assurance that there will be time at which they can foregather under the proper surrounding and show those stamps. I think that would be an addition of real philatelic value to the exercises, and I think it is a suggestion that at least would be worth some consideration, and on behalf of this proxy whom I represent I have pleasure in presenting it.

The Chair: I fail to see that there is any vote necessary in the matter. It will become a matter of record in the form of a suggestion.

Mr. Stone: In reply to that I will say that I think the Committee of Arrangements at future conventions will see that the chances are given at the stamps first, so to speak. There is some little talk of providing a room with tables where members can come in and sell their stamps, or buy their stamps, or swap their stamps. I think such arrangements will be made.

The Chair: Is there any further business?

Mr. Stone: Is it time to go home?

The Chair: That is what it is.

Mr. Stone: Before I make my annual motion, I want to remind you that though there are a great many Springfields in America, there is only one Philatelic Springfield. I hope to see you all there next year.

I move that we adjourn sine die.

The Chair: After that motion has been passed, I want you to remain seated. I want to say a few words to you informally.

Mr. Stone's motion that the Convention stand adjourned sine die, subject to the call of the President, was carried.

Mr. Mudge: Ladies and Gentlemen: You will find that Article IV of our By-Laws says that each Director shall be a stockholder of the Society, and shall hold his office until the close of the next annual convention and until his successor shall have qualified. The annual convention has closed. My successor has qualified. Consequently I take pleasure in introducing to you Mr. Frederick R. Cornwall, your President.

As Mr. Cornwall took the gavel from the retiring President he was greeted with continued applause, and again the members wanted to know what was the matter with the new President and then decided that there was nothing:

What's the matter with Cornwall?

He's all right!

Who's all right?

CORNWALL!

President Cornwall: Ladies and Gentlemen: I am overcome. In assuming the duties of President of the A. P. S. upon the retirement of Mr. Mudge I feel that the standard he has set is so high that perhaps I am unable to reach the ideal that he has reached. If I should fail, it will not be my fault but my misfortune.

I like the work. I have been in it for several years. I think I know what the labors mean. In order that the interests of the Society may be best served, I am going to ask you to help me and co-operate with me to make this the biggest and best Society in the world. We have got a start. We have been in existence now for twenty-five years, and the future is brighter by far than it ever has been.

I don't want to take up your time. We have the stamp exhibition and I understand that there are quite a few who would like to give it a final glance, but before relieving you from the convention, I wish to say this.

Your Directors have organized, and in accordance with the pledges of the members they have elected the President, the Board of Vice Presidents and the other officers, as set forth in the pledges. In that organization we have also appointed the officers for the ensuing year, and it is a fitting time that we should make these announcements.

First is the Superintendent of Sales. To this office we have appointed Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer.

Again the members whooped it up in emphatically declaring that there was nothing the matter with the new appointee:

What's the matter with Wolsieffer?

He's all right!

Who's all right?

WOLSIEFFER!

(Continued laughter and applause.)

The Chair: Examiner of Sales Books: Mr. R. E. Baldwin.

Editor: Mr. C. A. Howes.

Librarian: Mr. Harrison W. Craver.

Assistant Librarian: Mr. A. G. Burgoyne.

Counterfeit Detector: Mr. Eugene Klein.

Expert Committee: Messrs. John N. Luff, J. C. Morgenthau, J. S. Rich.

Philatelic Literature: Messrs. Wm. R. Ricketts, E. R. Aldrich, Chas. A. Nast.

Index Committee: Messrs. Wm. R. Ricketts, Clifford W. Kissinger, C. A. Howes.

Obituary Committee: Julian Park, Rev. L. G. Dorpat, A. F. Henkels.

We thought Mr. Park was in Europe, but I have been empowered to use his name and shall do so.

The other committees and officers have not yet been decided upon and the Directors have left that in the hands of the President, because such Committees as the Recruiting Committee and the Hand Books Committee are not to be selected at random, and certainly members should not be appointed on those Committees without their consent. The work is hard. And the Educational Committee is another one which will have to be selected after duly canvassing the situation. By resolution that has been moved to St. Louis, and we shall do our best by appointing the very best men at our command.

In conclusion, I wish to thank you for the confidence that you have reposed in me in electing me your President. It is a high honor—the highest honor that can be conferred upon a stamp collector in the United States. I feel in being elected to this office that a great deal of time will be expended and must of necessity be expended to live up to the dignity of the position, and in saying good-bye, I will tell you that I shall try to do that. Thank you. (Applause.)

Mr. Severn: May I say a few words in regard to the entertainment for this afternoon? I wish to say that at 4 o'clock the first party will be personally conducted to the cars and placed on the car bound for Riverview Park. The coupon books which each one has will give admission to the Park and also entry into five of any of the concessions on the ground.

The first party will leave the hotel, La Salle St. entrance, at 4 o'clock. Those who are not ready to join the first party may know that at 4:15 a second party will be conducted to the cars, and at 4:30 a third and last party will start for the street cars. In case there are any who are not ready by 4:30, there will be some of the Chicago men about the hotel that I am sure will be very glad to direct them to the cars.

Which closed the last session of the Silver Jubilee Convention of 1911.

Officers of the American Philatelic Society

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- 1775 Chicago Branch No. 1, Arild Dahl, President, Hugh M. Clark, Secretary, 536 Postal Telegraph Building. Meets second Thursday evening, at 1530 Republic Building.
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- 460 St. Louis Branch No. 4, A. P. Hosmer, Secretary, 211 N. Garrison Avenue. Meets Tuesdays fortnightly 801 Chemical Building.
- 457 Pittsburg Branch No. 5, E. Doeblin, President, C. J. Jaegle, Jr., Secretary, 301 Fisk St., Arsenal Sta., Pittsburgh, Pa. Meets third Tuesday, at Room No. 3, 417 Wood Street.
- 1998 Philadelphia Branch No. 18, F. Hahman, President, A. F. Henkels, Secretary, 1417 N. Bouvier St. Meets first Wednesday, at 25 Drury Building.
- 2670 New England Branch No. 20, Boston, Mass. A. W. Batchelder, President.
- 3166 Columbus Collectors Club, Branch No. 21, H. S. Adair, President, Geo. K. Smith, Jr., Secretary, 801 Outlook Bldg. Meets Tuesdays fortnightly at Red Lion Hall.
- 3192 Omaha Philatelic Society, Branch No. 23, Geo. Marples, President, H. A. Whipple, Secretary, New York Life Bldg. Meets second Friday, 701 New York Life Building.
- 3219 Detroit Philatelic Society, Branch No. 25, Gen. Chas. A. Coolidge, President, C. F. Heyerman, Secretary, 22 McGraw Bldg. Meets second and Fourth Fridays.
- 3259 Louisville Branch No. 26, Wm. E. Ault, President, H. W. Reynard, Secretary, 520 W. Kentucky St., Louisville, Ky.
- 3106 Berkeley Branch No. 27, Henry Chaloner, Secretary, 1717 Alcatraz Ave., S., Berkeley, California.
- 3305 Springfield Branch No. 28, J. W. Prevost, President, Wm. C. Stone, Secretary, 21 Princeton St., Springfield, Mass. Meets quarterly.
- 3208 Cleveland Branch No. 30, Alvin Good, Clerk, Hickox Building, Cleveland, Ohio. Meets Quarterly.
- 3295 Wichita Branch No. 31.
- 3588 Binghamton Philatelic Society, Branch No. 32, S. M. Frechie, President, Giles H. Dickinson, Secretary, Care Binghamton Republican, Binghamton, N. Y. Meets first Monday evening, Binghamton Republican office.
- 3637 Philippine Branch No. 33, Mrs. Loomis T. Goodale, President, Theo. Siddall, Secretary, Box 550, Manila, Phil. IIs.
- 3638 Saginaw Stamp Club, Branch No. 34, John J. Spencer, President, D. W. Martin, Secretary, 704 Holland Ave., Saginaw, Mich.
- 3691 Buffalo Collectors Club, Branch No. 37, F. P. James, Secretary, 410 W. Ferry Street. Meets first and third Thursday.
- 3855 Spokane Branch, No. 38, Arthur Oehler, President, Carl W. Art, Secretary. Meets first and third Fridays at 333 Rookery Bldg., Spokane, Wash.

Corresponding Societies.

- Internationaler Philatelisten Verein, Dresden, Germany.
- Oesterreichischer Philatelisten Club "Vindobona," Austria.
- The Royal Philatelic Society, London, England.
- The Philatelic Society of Sweden.
- The Herts Philatelic Society.
- The British Guiana Philatelic Society.
- St. Petersburg Philatelisten Verein, St. Petersburg, Russia.
- The Philatelic Literature Society, London, England.

By-Laws of the American Philatelic Society

As Adopted at the Seventh Annual Convention,
August 15, 16, 17, 1892, and Amended at the
Subsequent Conventions, including Amendments
Adopted at the Twenty-sixth Annual Conven-
tion, August 22-23-24, 1911.

ARTICLE I.—Capital Stock.

Section 1. Every certificate of stock issued by this society shall be for a single share only, and shall be subject to the following terms and conditions: That the holder thereof has accepted the said certificate with the understanding that it can be issued or transferred only to a person who has been duly elected a member of the Society in the manner provided by its By-Laws, and who is not the holder of any other share or certificate of its capital stock. That no transfer of said stock, or the certificate thereof, shall be valid unless made upon the books of the Society and signed by the member transferring the same, or his lawful attorney, and attested by the Secretary, and upon return of the outstanding certificate, which shall be cancelled and filed by the Secretary. That the holder is liable for the payment to the Society of the annual dues provided for by the By-Laws, until the said stock certificate is surrendered to the Society, and is not entitled to vote said stock so long as he is in any manner indebted to the Society. That the Society has a first lien on the said stock and all increments thereof for all indebtedness of the holder to the Society, and that no transfer thereof shall be permitted so long as the holder is so indebted to the Society; and that the possession of said certificate shall not be regarded as evidence of the ownership of the holder, or his right to participate as a stockholder, unless it appears upon the books of the Society, that all said conditions have been duly complied with. That the ownership of said stock shall at all times be subject to the provisions of the By-

Laws. That upon the expulsion of the holder, or his resignation, or the dropping of his name from the roll of membership for non-payment of dues or other indebtedness to the Society or any of its departments, his stock shall revert to the Society, and his certificate become and remain null and void.

Sec. 2. Every certificate of stock shall be signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary, and sealed with the corporate seal of the Society, and shall be duly numbered and entered in the stock book to be kept by the Secretary for that purpose. A charge of twenty-five cents shall be made for a duplicate certificate in case of loss.

Sec. 3. Certificates of stock shall be valued at \$1.00 each, and all money received for stock certificates as provided for by Article II, Section I, shall be kept by the Treasurer in a separate and inviolate fund to be known as the Stock Fund, the interest of which may be applied to current expenses; and the Treasurer shall place this fund at interest in such manner from time to time as the Board of Directors may approve or direct.

ARTICLE II.—Membership.

Section 1. Any person desiring to become a member of this Society shall file with its Secretary an application in the form prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors, signed by one member of the Society, and, if the applicant is of legal age, accompanied by one or more commercial references, which commercial references shall not be the firm, or a member of the firm, of which the proposer is a member, and if the applicant has not attained the age of 21

years, he must accompany his application with a bond signed by some responsible person, obligating himself for the proper fulfillment of the applicant's promises and obligations to the Society in case the applicant is admitted, such guarantor to furnish one or more commercial references. Said application must be accompanied by the sum of \$1.00, for one share of stock and the amount of dues for the remainder of the fiscal year, ending August 31, the whole to be refunded if admission is refused. The Secretary shall acknowledge the receipt of each application, stating the date when the applicant will become a member, provided no objections are received. The Secretary shall cause the name, age, occupation, and address of each applicant and the names of his references and bondsmen to be published in four consecutive issues of the Official Journal, and if no objection shall be received by the Board of Vice-Presidents within one month after the first publication, the applicant shall become a member. In case the Board of Vice-Presidents shall receive any objections to the admission of any applicant they shall notify the Secretary thereof, and proceed to investigate the case, and may accept or reject the applicant in their discretion, and shall certify their result to the Secretary, who shall thereupon proceed accordingly.

In case the Secretary is advised that objections to an applicant have been received by the Vice-Presidents, he shall continue to publish the applicant's name until it has appeared in four consecutive issues of the Official Journal, but under such circumstances the applicant shall not become a member until the Secretary be advised by the Board of Vice-Presidents that they, after investigation, have accepted the applicant.

Sec. 2. As it is important to the well-being and prosperity of this Society that all members thereof should be persons of good repute, every person applying for admission thereto agrees to become subject to such rules of discipline as may be provided by the By-laws from

time to time. All charges of improper conduct on the part of any member of the Society shall be addressed in writing, accompanied by affidavit of the truth of the charges, and all obtainable proof, to the Board of Vice-Presidents, who shall investigate and determine the same under such rules as they may prescribe; and report their findings thereon to the Board of Directors who may, in their judgment, suspend or expel such member, and declare his stock forfeited to the Society, and their action shall be final and binding on all parties. Should the Board of Directors deem it advisable, they may, however, certify the case for consideration to the next convention of the Society, and such convention shall have the same powers in the case as the Board of Directors.

Sec. 3. The annual dues shall be \$1.20 to all members, payable in advance, to the Treasurer, on the first day of September, when the fiscal year shall commence; provided, that every new member for any unexpired portion of the first fiscal year after his admission to membership shall pay at the rate of ten cents per month, or fraction thereof, from the date of his application. Members paying dues by personal check must add thereto ten cents for exchange.

No assessment other than the annual dues shall be levied except on recommendation of the Board of Directors, published in the call for an annual convention, special meeting, or mail vote, and adopted by a vote of two-thirds of all the stockholders voting thereon; provided, that the number of affirmative votes shall be not less than one-third of the whole number of stockholders entitled to vote.

Sec. 4. In case any member fails to pay the annual dues or any indebtedness to the Society or any department thereof, within thirty days from the time the same are due, the Treasurer shall notify such delinquent member, and unless such dues or debts are paid within thirty days thereafter, the Treasurer shall notify the Secretary, by whom his name shall

be stricken from the rolls, and his stock shall be declared forfeited to the Society, and his name shall be omitted from the printed membership list. The Secretary shall notify the Sales Superintendent to debar from the privileges of the department any member whose name shall have been dropped from the rolls.

Any stockholder or branch society having resigned in good standing, or any stockholder or branch society whose name shall have been stricken from the rolls for non-payment of dues or debts as aforesaid, may be reinstated on payment of such dues or debts, and \$1.00, plus the amount of dues for the remainder of the current year, and a share of stock bearing the original stock number shall be reissued, and in case of reinstatement of a branch society, a charter certificate bearing the original number shall be reissued. In case of minors a new guarantee shall be required, and in the case of members who have been suspended for more than one year new references shall be required.

All applications for reinstatement shall be published in the Official Journal and treated in the same manner as is provided for an ordinary application for membership.

Sec. 5. Any stockholder in good standing may at any time tender his resignation to the Secretary, and surrender his stock certificate to the Society. All resignations received by the Secretary shall be published in the next Official Journal, and if no objections are received within one month of the date of the publication, they shall be duly accepted by him, to take effect from the date of their receipt, but no stockholder will be permitted to resign while indebted to the Society. In case the Secretary is in doubt as to the advisability of accepting the resignation of any stockholder, he shall refer the matter to the Board of Vice-Presidents, who shall have power to decide the case, and, if they deem advisable, to prescribe conditions on which the resignation shall be accepted.

Sec. 6. No stockholder of the Society who has not attained the age of twenty-one years shall be eligible to any office.

Sec. 7. Any Philatelic Society outside the United States and possessions may be elected by the Board of Vice-Presidents upon the recommendation of the International Secretary, or by the Society in convention assembled, as an honorary corresponding member, and shall receive all publications of the Society and shall be exempt from dues; such honorary corresponding membership shall not carry the right to vote or hold stock. A list of such members shall follow the branch societies in the annual list of members.

ARTICLE III.—Meetings.

Section 1. The annual meeting of the stockholders of this Society, to be designated as the Annual Convention, shall be held each year at such date and such place, within or without the state of Minnesota, as may have been selected by the last preceding Annual Convention, and the publication in the Official Journal of the proceedings of the convention, naming such time and place, shall be deemed sufficient notice of such meeting; but the President shall also issue a call for the Annual Convention, stating the time and locality of convening thereof, to be published in the number of the Official Journal issued not less than sixty days prior to the holding of such convention.

Sec. 2. Special meetings of the stockholders of this Society may be called by the Board of Directors, or by one hundred stockholders of this Society. Notice thereof shall be mailed to each stockholder, at his last known address, at least sixty days before the date fixed for holding said meeting, and a copy of such notice shall be published in the Official Journal at least one month before the time of holding such meeting.

Sec. 3. If in the opinion of the Board of Directors it should be advisable at any time, or in case one hundred stockholders so request, the President shall call for a general vote of the shareholders.

ers upon any desired question. Notice that such call has been issued shall be given in the Official Journal, at least one month before the date when the vote is to be counted. The vote shall be in the form designated by the President, with the assent of the Board of Vice-Presidents. The call and the form shall each state the time and place at which the count is to take place, and a copy of each shall be mailed to every person appearing upon the books of the Society as entitled to vote as a stockholder thirty days before the vote is to be counted. The vote shall be signed by the stockholder and sent to the Board of Vice-Presidents; and no vote shall be counted unless in the form prescribed at the date when the call was mailed. Any stockholder shall have the right to be present and witness the count. The result shall be certified by the Board of Vice-Presidents to the President, who shall announce the result in the next number of the Official Journal. A majority of the votes cast shall determine the question submitted, but the By-laws can be amended only as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 4. All stockholders of the Society who are present at any of its meetings shall be entitled to participate in the proceedings; but only those not indebted to the Society shall be entitled to vote in person, or by proxy, at any annual convention, at any special meeting, or upon any question submitted to a general vote.

No member of the Society shall be allowed to vote more than fifty proxies.

Sec. 5. A quorum for the transaction of business at any convention or special meeting shall consist of one-half the stockholders there represented in person or by proxy; but the By-laws can be amended only as hereinafter provided.

Sec. 6. No director of this Society shall be permitted to act for or vote as proxy for any other stockholder of this Society.

Sec. 7. At all meetings of the Society, all questions of order and parliamen-

tary law shall be determined by reference to Robert's Rules of Order.

Sec. 8. At all meetings of the Society, all reports of officers and committees and all resolutions must be presented in writing.

Sec. 9. At the annual convention, the President shall appoint the following standing committees:

- A committee on Finance;
- A Committee on Library;
- A Committee on Sales Department;
- A Committee on Branch Societies;
- A Committee on Resolutions;
- A Committee on Place of Next Convention; each to consist of three members.

A Committee on By-laws, to consist of the President, who shall be chairman of the committee, and four other members.

The following shall be the order of business:

FIRST SESSION.

1. Call to Order.
2. Reading of Call.
3. Report of Committee on Credentials.
4. Reading of Minutes of last Convention.
5. President's Address.
6. Appointment of Committees.
7. Reports of Officers.
8. Reports of Permanent Committees.
9. Communications.
10. Assigned Matters.
11. New Business.

SUBSEQUENT SESSIONS.

1. Call to Order.
2. Supplementary Report of Committee on Credentials.
3. Communications.
4. Assigned Matters.
5. Unfinished Business.
6. New Business.
7. Reports of Standing Committees.
8. Reports of Special Committees.

Sec. 10. At all special meetings of the Society, the President shall appoint such of the foregoing committees as are necessary, and the foregoing Order of Business shall be followed so far as the necessities of the occasion will permit.

ARTICLE IV.—Directors.

Section 1. The Board of Directors of this Society shall be designated as the Board of Directors, and shall consist of nine members, who shall all be citizens of the United States.

Sec. 2. Each Director shall be a stockholder of the Society, and shall hold his office until the close of the next annual convention, and until his successor shall have qualified. At least five of their number shall be collectors and not dealers by profession; and at least seven of their number shall be residents of different states. Three of the Directors shall serve as a Board of Vice-Presidents and must reside within a radius of thirty miles, and in case of the three Vice-Presidents being from the same state or locality as another candidate for Director, the Vice-Presidents will take precedence over the other candidate, even though he have a greater number of votes.

Sec. 3. Immediately after the annual election of Directors, they shall choose from their number a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and International Secretary, and appoint such officers and committees as are required by the By-laws to be appointed by the Board of Directors.

Sec. 4. The Board of Directors may meet at such times as they from time to time determine, or whenever called together by the President by a notice addressed to each Director at his last known address, by mail or by telegraph, a sufficient time beforehand to enable him to reach the place of meeting. Five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Sec. 5. To expedite the transaction of business by the Board of Directors they may take mail votes upon any question in the following manner: Any member of the Board desiring to submit any matter for their action may reduce the same to writing in the form of a motion and shall mail a copy thereof upon a separate sheet of paper to each member of the Board. Any comments or obser-

vations he desires to make thereon must be on a different sheet. Upon receipt of such motion each member shall write upon the same sheet of paper his vote for or against the same, or any correction or amendment thereof he may wish to make, and forward the same by return mail to the President, who shall, in case any amendment shall be offered, forthwith mail, or cause to be mailed, a copy of the motion as amended to each member of the Board who shall return the same by return mail, with his vote for or against the same, or the expression of his preference for the original motion. The President shall, upon receiving the ballots of the other members, certify to the Secretary the result, accompanying the certificate with the original ballots. The Secretary shall file the same and record the vote, notifying the other members of the Board of the result.

Sec. 6. The Board of Directors shall exercise a general supervision over the affairs of the Society and all its officers; may make rules for the conduct of business in the several departments not inconsistent with these By-laws; may require special reports from any officer from time to time; may remove any officer appointed by them, as provided by statute, fill any vacancy in their own number arising from any cause except removal by stockholders, as provided by statute, and generally manage and control the business of the Society, as provided by law.

ARTICLE V.—Duties of Directors.

Section 1. President.—The President in addition to the general duties of his office, shall preside at all meetings of the Society, sign all certificates of stock and all warrants on the Treasurer for moneys expended by the Society, as well as contracts, deeds, bonds, notes, and other obligations entered into by the Society. Prior to each annual convention he shall issue the call therefor, as provided for in Article III, Section 1; shall appoint a committee of five members on Credentials, and a Committee of Arrangements to provide suitable rooms

and make other preparations for holding said meeting, the expenses incurred by such committee in the performance of their duties to be defrayed from the general fund of the Society. At each annual convention he shall address the Society on such matters of interest as he shall determine.

Sec. 2. Vice-Presidents.—The three Directors elected as Vice-Presidents shall select one of their number to act as chairman of the Board of Vice-Presidents, who shall perform all the duties of the President in case of the absence, death, or disability of the President. The Board of Vice-Presidents shall decide all questions arising as to the admission of applicants for membership, as provided in Article II, Section 1, and shall investigate all questions of discipline, as provided in Article II, Sections 2, 4 and 5, and all disputes and difficulties between members or officers of the Society, as provided in Article II, Section 2. They shall approve the form of ballot to be used at all elections and prepare an authorized form of proxy to be used at all conventions.

The Board of Vice-Presidents from time to time, and at least every three months, shall make report of their proceedings to the President for publication in the Official Journal, and shall make a full report of their proceedings to the annual convention.

They shall keep a minute book of all proceedings and a file of correspondence, which they shall turn over to their successors when qualified.

All expenses for postage, stationery, telegrams, and registry fees shall be certified by the chairman, and be paid from the general fund.

They shall elect one of their number to act as clerk, who shall have charge of their records and keep their minutes.

Sec. 3. Secretary.—The Secretary, in addition to the ordinary duties of his office, shall keep a record of all proceedings of the Society and Board of Directors, conduct all correspondence, have the custody of and preserve all docu-

ments, have custody of the corporate seal of the Society, seal all documents required to be sealed therewith, keep proper books of issue and transfer of stock certificates, issue all stock certificates, membership cards, and receipts, countersign, register, and attest all documents signed by the President. He shall also keep a set of loose leaf ledgers for members in good standing, as well as for past members, each separate page of which shall represent a stockholder, and shall have all data regarding his application and admission into the Society clearly set forth, together with a record of the annual payment of dues, or the date of suspension, expulsion or reinstatement. He shall, under the supervision of the President, edit the official matter published in the Official Journal; provided, that if there shall be a disagreement between the President and Secretary as to the advisability of the publication of any matter, said matter shall be submitted to the Board of Directors. He shall also receive all applications for membership, make publication thereof in the Official Journal, and conduct all correspondence in reference thereto, as provided in Article II, Section 1, and notify applicants of their election. He shall furnish a copy of the Charter and By-Laws and the list of members of the Society to each member in good standing. He shall receive all resignations and applications for reinstatement, etc., as provided in Article II, Sections 4 and 5, and perform all such other duties as are incident to his office. He shall pay all funds collected by him from any source to the Treasurer each month. He shall prepare and present to each annual convention, and to any special meeting, when so required by the Board of Directors, or the stockholders calling the same, the general report of the condition of the Society, required by law to be made by the Directors, together with a complete financial statement of the transactions of his department for the year, accompanied by all of his books of account and record. He shall cause to be published in each number of the Official

Journal, in addition to the list of applicants, resignations, etc., of members, a report of all proceedings of the Board of Directors, or of the Society, since his last published report. He shall at all times be subject to the direction of the President or Directors in the performance of his duties. He shall be paid all transportation expenses to and from the convention, and \$5.00 per day during the session. He shall be allowed his reasonable expenses for postage, stationery and printing, for which purpose \$100.00 of the Society's money shall be in his hands, which fund shall be reimbursed on the first of each month by warrant on the General Fund to the extent of the expenses of the preceding month, so that on the first of each month this fund will always equal \$100.00. In addition he shall be allowed the sum of \$200.00 per year for his further use in the prosecution of the duties of his office.

He shall give bond to the Society in the sum of not less than \$500, said bond to be obtained at the expense of the Society, of some Surety Company to be approved by the Board of Directors.

Sec. 4. Treasurer.—The Treasurer shall receive and take charge of all moneys, property, and securities of the Society. He shall collect all dues and make monthly reports of his receipts and disbursements, showing balance of cash on hand, to the Secretary, who shall publish it in the Official Journal. Among his accounts shall be kept a separate suspense account, to which shall be credited all moneys received for other than current accounts, including all partial or over-payments. He shall pay out no money except on warrants regularly drawn on him by the President and Secretary, and shall present to the annual convention a complete financial statement of the transactions of his department for the year, accompanied by the proper vouchers, all his books of account, a cashier's certificate of the amount of money on deposit at the date of such statement, and any and all such other papers and instruments as may be

requisite for a complete auditing of his books and accounts. He shall deposit all moneys in some bank, to be designated by the Board of Directors to the account of the Society, and shall give bond to the Society in the sum of not less than \$3,000, said bond to be obtained at the expense of the Society, of some surety company to be approved by the Board of Directors. He shall be allowed his reasonable expenses for postage, stationery, and printing, and in addition thereto the sum of \$25.00 per year, which shall be in full for all other incidental expenses.

Sec. 5. International Secretary.—The International Secretary shall conduct all correspondence for the Society or the Board of Directors, with individuals or societies in foreign countries. He shall, whenever called on to do so, assist the Secretary or any other officer of the Society, in their correspondence concerning the business of the Society and their several departments. He shall perform all the duties of the Secretary whenever the latter is absent or temporarily unable to perform his duties. He shall present to the Annual Convention a full report of the proceedings of his department for the year.

He shall report regularly to the *Vertrauliches Korrespondenz-Blatt* the changes in membership so long as this Society continues interested in its publication. He shall, so far as possible, report to the Board of Vice-Presidents any publication in foreign journals of items affecting the welfare of this Society or its individual members.

ARTICLE VI.—Elections.

Section 1. All elections of Directors shall be conducted under the supervision of the Committee on Credentials, appointed by the President for that purpose, which shall consist of five stockholders. The ballot shall be signed by the stockholder voting and delivered to the Committee on Credentials, and may be sent to the Committee in any manner desired by the stockholder, and at any time before the closing of the polls for

that election. At all such elections a plurality of votes cast shall elect, except as provided in Article IV, Section 2, in regard to Vice-Presidents, but no vote shall be counted that shall not have been received before the closing of the polls, nor shall any stockholder be permitted to vote in any other than the prescribed form, or by proxy, or to change his vote after it has once been received by the committee.

Sec. 2. The polls for the annual election shall close at noon of the day preceding the day appointed for the opening of the Annual Convention, and at all special elections at such time as shall be named in the call for the election.

Sec. 3. The Secretary shall cause blank forms for the ballot and proper envelopes for enclosing the same to be mailed to the last known address of each stockholder entitled to vote at least sixty days before the date fixed for closing the polls, and the form of the ballot shall be designated in all published notices of the election.

Sec. 4. The special election to fill vacancies in the Board of Directors, provided for by the statutes of the state of Minnesota, in case of the removal of a Director by the stockholders, or in case of the want of a quorum of qualified Directors, shall be conducted as far as possible in the same manner as other elections; but in case the election is called by the stockholders, they may prescribe and send out the form of ballot, necessary envelopes for enclosing the same, and notice of the election, which shall, however, as far as possible, conform to the ordinary forms in use in the Society.

Sec. 5. All special elections of officers to be elected by the stockholders shall be conducted in the same manner as other elections, but shall be called by the President, and notice thereof shall be mailed to the last known address of each stockholder entitled to vote, at least sixty days prior to the date fixed for the counting of the vote, and shall be accompanied by the form of the ballot to be used, proper envelopes for

enclosing the same, and shall designate the time and place of holding the election, the persons who are to act as Committee on Credentials, and such other information as shall facilitate the sending of the vote to the Committee.

Sec. 6. Prior to every annual or special election, nominations for the office or offices to be filled may be sent by any five members or any Branch of the Society to the Secretary, and all such nominations received by him shall be published in the number of the Official Journal nearest to sixty days prior to the date for closing the polls.

Sec. 7. Cumulative voting shall be illegal at any election.

ARTICLE VII.—Officers and Standing Committees.

Sec. 1. In addition to the nine Directors, the officers of the Society shall be:

- A Sales Superintendent;
- An Examiner of Sales Books;
- An Editor of the American Philatelist;
- An Attorney;
- A Librarian;
- An Assistant Librarian, and
- A Counterfeit Detector.

Sec. 2. In addition to the officers as named in Section 1 of this Article there shall be the following Permanent Committees:

- An Expert Committee;
- A Committee on Philatelic Literature.
- A Committee on Philatelic Index;
- A Committee on Philatelic Hand Books.
- A Recruiting Committee, and
- An Obituary Committee.

Sec. 3. All of the officers and Permanent Committees mentioned in Sections 1 and 2 of this Article shall be appointed and subject to removal by the Board of Directors, as provided for by the laws of Minnesota, and shall make a full report of their proceedings to the Annual Convention and to the Board of Directors or any special meeting of the Society, when called upon to do so. Their terms shall expire when their successors shall have been appointed and qualified. In

case any such officer is temporarily prevented by sickness or other cause from performing his duties, the Board of Directors may, in its discretion, appoint a substitute the act during such incapacity. No expense shall be incurred by any officer or standing committee appointed by the Board of Directors, except for postal and express charges, until the same is authorized by the Board of Directors.

Sec. 4. Sales Superintendent.

(a) The Sales Superintendent shall conduct the Sales Department in accordance with the provisions of this section and of the sections of Article VIII of these By-laws.

(b) He shall give bond to the Society in the sum of \$10,000, for the strict and faithful performance of his duties and proper rendering of true accounts for all moneys, stamps, or other property received by him, whether for the Society or individual owners; and until he has notice from the Secretary of the Society that the bond tendered by him, within a reasonable time, after his appointment, has been approved and accepted by the Board of Directors, he shall not ask or advertise for, or receive from the preceding Superintendent or from individual members, any stamps or other philatelic property for his department.

(c) The Sales Superintendent shall on the first days of October, January, and April, respectively, make to the Board of Vice-Presidents a quarterly report of the affairs of his department, including a full and accurate balance sheet of such book-keeping entries as shall satisfy said Board, taken from his books upon the last day of the preceding month; and not less than twenty nor more than thirty days prior to the opening day of the Annual Convention he shall make to said Board an annual report, covering the transactions of the department for the past year, and including similar balance sheet or entries. Said reports shall be audited by said Board, who may at any time make or cause to be made by themselves, or a committee, or agent, appointed by them,

such examination as they may deem expedient of said Sales Superintendent's books and accounts and of the affairs of his department, and shall cause such an examination to be made in connection with the auditing of the annual report, and shall submit said annual report with the report of such examination and their recommendations on said report and examination to the Annual Convention. The approval of the Sales Superintendent's reports by the said Board shall not be construed as an admission by the Society of accuracy of said reports or as a release by the Society of either said Superintendent or the surety on his official bond from liability to the Society or any member thereof for any breach of duty on his part.

(d) The Board of Vice-Presidents may for cause suspend the Sales Superintendent and require him to deliver and turn over all accounts, books and other property of his department, together with all stamps then in possession of said department, to them or to such person as they may designate as Sales Superintendent, pro tempore, who shall exercise all powers of Sales Superintendent until the Board of Directors shall take further action in the matter.

(e) The Society shall provide account books for the Sales Superintendent. Such account books and the correspondence of the department shall be and remain the property of the Society, and shall at all times be open to the examination of the Board of Vice-Presidents and their representatives duly authorized. Except for the purchase of such books, the Sales Superintendent shall pay all expenses of the department.

(f) Upon retiring from office, the Sales Superintendent shall turn over to his successor all stamps in his hands as such Superintendent, together with all books of account, official correspondence, papers, instruments, moneys, and evidences of indebtedness belonging to the department, and the business of the department shall thereafter be conducted by the new Sales Superintendent.

All sums due the department shall be collected by the new Sales Superintendent, who shall pay therefrom to his predecessor such commissions as the latter may have earned thereon, also the requisite payments to the Insurance Fund, and all balances due from the department to members at the time of his assuming the office. Upon a change of Superintendent the Board of Vice-Presidents shall give notice to all parties interested, by publication in the Official Journal, calling on them to file with the Board a statement of their claims against the department within thirty days, so that the outgoing Superintendent's accounts may be properly audited and he be given an honorable release. The Board of Vice-Presidents shall also cause an examination to be made of his books and accounts, and upon the expiration of the period of thirty days from publication of the above prescribed notice shall send to each member who has not filed accounts and whose name appears on the Superintendent's books a statement of his account, and in default of acknowledgment within thirty days thereafter, such account shall be deemed correct.

(g) The Sales Superintendent shall assess a charge of one-half of one per cent upon the net cash value of all books of stamps sent him for circulation in the department, immediately upon their arriving in his hands, with a minimum charge of ten cents per book, and shall remit on retirement of such books the sum so assessed to the Treasurer of the Society, who shall keep it in a special account, known as the Insurance Fund. The Superintendent shall receive all claims for payment desired by owners out of the Insurance Fund, for whatever cause, and shall submit the facts and papers of every case to the Board of Vice-Presidents, who, if they approve, shall certify the case to the Secretary of the Society who shall thereupon draw a warrant upon the Treasurer against the Insurance Fund, in the regular manner pursued for payments from other funds. If at any time the

Insurance Fund becomes insufficient to meet any such warrant so drawn against it, the sum shall be paid the owner out of the General Fund of the Society, and shall subsequently be transferred to that fund from the Insurance Fund, as soon as the assessments duly collected shall suffice.

(h) The Superintendent shall submit to the Examiner of Sales Books all books sent in for circulation, remove from books sent him for circulation all stamps which are clearly and obviously counterfeits or non-governmental reprints, and return all stamps removed by him or by the Examiner of Sales Books, as provided in the next section, at once to the owner of the book from which they came, stating the price at which they were marked, and the value to which the book has been reduced by their removal; and he shall place the words, "Specimen Removed," with at least one of his initials, in the space thus left vacant.

A fine of twenty-five cents (25) shall be imposed upon the owner of any book of stamps submitted for circulation for any and every counterfeit contained in such book, unless said stamp, or stamps, shall be of less catalog value than twenty-five cents (25), in which case the fine shall be the catalog value of such stamp; such fine to go to the Examiner of Sales Books, or such other expert as he may call to his assistance, subject to the conditions of the following paragraph:

The action of the Examiner of Sales Books or other expert shall be final and binding upon all parties. In the event the owner of such stamp or stamps, so removed, being dissatisfied with the decision of the expert's action, he shall have a right to appeal from their decision to the Counterfeit Detector at his own expense, and the decision of the Counterfeit Detector shall be final. In case such stamp, or stamps, are found by the Counterfeit Detector to be genuine, then the fine shall be removed, and the expense of the examining shall be borne by the Examiner of Sales Books.

(i) The Superintendent shall furnish to members of the Society control stamps, and at a cost not exceeding five cents each, books for holding stamps to be circulated in his department, of such form as may be approved by the Board of Vice-Presidents; provided, that they be printed on one side of the leaf only, contain space for ten ordinary adhesive stamps on a page, have successive numerals not less than an inch in height on the reverse or unused side of each leaf, and contain no advertisements, save of the Society or its Sales Department.

(j) He may refuse to circulate any stamps not mounted in the books so provided by him, or books containing an excessive amount of display, notes, or remarks by the owner; or any books for any reason previously approved by the Board of Vice-Presidents; and he may decline to send stamps to any member or to a foreign country when it shall be shown to the satisfaction of the Board of Vice-Presidents that customs, laws or other conditions make it impracticable or undesirable for the department to do business with such a member or in such country.

(k) When all the preceding duties shall have been satisfactorily performed, as occasion demands, or no charge or notice to the contrary be in the hands of the Board of Vice-Presidents, the Superintendent shall be allowed to retain for himself a commission of twelve and one-half per cent out of the amounts remitted to the selling owners upon the sales then settled for, made through the regular circuits of the department, and already paid for by cash to him, not including settlements out of the Insurance Fund for theft or other losses of all or any part of a circuit. He shall also receive a salary of \$25.00 per annum.

Sec. 5. Examiner of Sales Books.—The Examiner of Sales Books shall pass upon the genuineness of all stamps, etc., that may be sent to the Sales Superintendent before such stamps, etc., are put upon the exchange circuits.

He shall remove from all books all

stamps which he considers counterfeit or reprint, with the exception of reprints sold by the government originally issuing the stamps they represent and receivable for postage at the time of their sale by that government, and return them to the Sales Superintendent, together with the number of the book from which they came, the name of the owner of such book, and the price at which they are marked; and shall place the words "Specimen Removed," with at least one of his initials, in the space thus left vacant.

Sec. 6. Editor of the American Philatelist.—The Editor shall edit all advertising and reading matter excepting official matter originating with the President or Secretary, and shall invite literary contributions and pass upon the same for publication.

He shall solicit and arrange all advertisements. He shall collect all moneys due on advertising accounts and shall turn the same over to the Treasurer without deduction, immediately after the issuance of each number, accompanied by an itemized statement showing specifically on which contracts payments have been made and the several amounts; such moneys to be placed in the General Fund. He shall in general act as business manager in all matters pertaining to the publication of the American Philatelist.

The editor's compensation shall not exceed \$50.00 per number in addition to postage and printing expenses; which shall be paid to him by warrant on the general fund.

Sec. 7. Attorney.—The Attorney shall endeavor to collect and settle any claims that may be sent him by members of this Society against any person whatsoever, or to recover any stamps, etc., that they are unable to secure, the return of. It shall also be his duty, when so ordered by the Board of Directors, to see that proper steps are taken, and the proper authorities notified, to secure the prosecution of any manufacturer of or dealer in forged stamps, etc.

He may charge for his service all ac-

tual disbursements for postage, stationery, etc., and ten per cent of all amounts recovered; provided, that in case of collections made for the Society he shall charge only actual disbursements without commission.

Sec. 8. Assistant Librarian.—It shall be the duty of the Assistant Librarian to preserve, and properly care for the records of the Society as received from retiring officers or boards, and he shall further receive all gifts to the Society of printed matter, and attend to binding the same, and shall at proper times forward the same to the Librarian for permanent care.

He shall also, upon receipt of postal notice giving the name of the book desired to be taken from the library, advise the member of the cost of carriage, upon receipt of which the book shall be forwarded. He shall also keep a record of all books passing through his hands.

Sec. 9. Counterfeit Detector.—The Counterfeit Detector shall when called upon to do so, pronounce upon the genuineness of the specimens sent him by members, charging therefor five cents for each specimen if five or more stamps are submitted at one time, but if less than five stamps are submitted at one time the charge shall be twenty-five cents; except that the prices for examination of all surcharges as well as cancellations shall be 15 cents per stamp. Postage or expenses of carriage must in all cases be defrayed by owners.

He shall not be required to pass upon the genuineness of any surcharge or stamps which can be plated. He shall also have the right to refuse to pass on such stamps as in his opinion should go to the Expert Committee.

Sec. 10. Expert Committee.—It shall be the duty of this committee to pronounce upon the authenticity of any stamp submitted for their opinion. They shall return to the sender a certificate of their findings in each case, the same to bear a photograph of the stamp in question to be signed by all members of the committee. For the examination of

each stamp the committee shall receive the sum of \$1.00. This amount must accompany each stamp so submitted.

Sec. 11. Committee on Philatelic Literature.—It shall be the duty of this committee to report, through the columns of the Official Journal, upon all new catalogues, handbooks, manuals, and papers that are brought out during the year; to summarize the same in their annual report for publication in the Year Book, and to make such deductions or suggestions in relation thereto as may, in their judgment, seem to be warranted or called for.

Sec. 12. Committee on Philatelic Index.—It shall be the duty of this committee to compile and prepare for publication an index on philatelic literature.

Sec. 13. Committee on Philatelic Hand Books.—It shall be the duty of this committee to undertake the publication as opportunity offers of Philatelic Hand Books that shall be of low cost yet worthy of the name of the American Philatelic Society. The conditions under which said books be issued shall be left to the Committee, whose plans for publication shall be endorsed by the Board of Vice-Presidents before definite action be taken; but, in case the publishing of any such book involves the expenditure of money from the treasury of the Society, it shall be necessary for the Board of Directors to consent to such expenditure before the approval of the Board of Vice-Presidents shall become operative.

Sec. 14. Recruiting Committee.—The Recruiting Committee shall prepare and disseminate literature calculated to impress upon the philatelic public the many advantages to be derived from affiliation with the Society. They shall also investigate the standing of applicants upon the request of any officer of the Society.

Sec. 15. Obituary Committee.—It shall be the duty of this committee to secure during the year such facts about deceased members as will be of general interest, to publish them in the Official Journal from time to time, and to bring them together in their annual report in the form of a summary for publication in the Proceedings of the Society.

ARTICLE VIII.

Section 1. Every member of the Society whose dues are paid for the current year is entitled to participate in the privileges of the Sales Department except as provided in Article VII, Section 4, paragraph j, or until he becomes a debtor of the Society or any of its departments of more than two weeks' standing, or is suspended by the Board of Directors in accordance with the provisions of Article II, Section 2, of these By-laws, or has been dropped from circuit lists by the Sales Department for non-payment of fines, as provided in Section 2 of this Article.

Sec. 2. A member who desires to be placed on circuit lists, must make application to the Sales Superintendent, stating his wish and he will be irrevocably taken thereby to promise and pledge himself to abide for so long as he participates by all the rules for the conduct of this department now contained in these By-laws in this Article or Article VII, Section 4, or elsewhere, and any which may hereafter be made, by amendment to these By-laws, or by the Superintendent for matter properly within his discretion. Every member who receives books on circuit agrees to give a written receipt for them to the preceding member from whom they are received, and to take a like written receipt from the member next on circuit to whom he delivers them; to pay a fine of ten cents per day for each day a circuit is kept by him over three days, not counting Sundays or legal holidays, which fines shall be collected by the Superintendent and paid over by him to the Treasurer for the Insurance Fund; to account for every space from which he removes stamps by placing therein an adhesive control stamp furnished by the Superintendent, and properly canceled, or by writing his full name in ink in the space from which the stamp has been removed, or by placing therein any other mark previously approved in writing by the Superintendent; and immediately upon forwarding a circuit to send to the Superintendent a report sheet containing a memorandum of the total value of all the stamps re-

ported upon each time, regardless of whether or not he, as an owner, has at the same time stamps circulating in the department, or any other consideration or debt due or claimed by him from the Society. Every member agrees by his participation in the department to pay the Society the full priced value of any circuit traced to him, for which he can show no written receipt from any other member; and the value of any stamps found by the Superintendent to be missing from books which have passed through the hands of said member, either by reason of the disappearance of any stamp from a space not accounted for, or the loss of an entire page out of a book, or several pages, if he has not immediately upon receipt of the damaged book notified the member preceding him on circuit, and adjusted the matter with him. The Superintendent shall suspend from participation in the department any member for non-payment of fines or failure to make reports promptly, or to accompany them with the requisite remittance, or upon notification from the Treasurer that said member has been a debtor to the Society for more than two weeks, or at the request of the Board of Vice-Presidents, and any member so suspended shall be restored to the privileges of participation again, only by a vote of the Board of Vice-Presidents, certified to the Superintendent in writing before being acted on by him.

Sec. 3. A member who desires to circulate stamps in the department must send them to the Superintendent mounted in proper books furnished for the purpose, with his name on the cover, the price visible near each specimen, and the total value of the book in the place provided on its cover. Counterfeits, non-governmental reprints, bulky entires, and books excessively written in will not be circulated, and the Superintendent may further refuse circulation in accordance with the provisions of Article VII, Section 4, of these By-Laws. Every owner participating agrees to make cash remittances for any stamps he may buy, during the time his stamps are in the department, exactly like any other pur-

chasing member of the Society and submit to the assessments for the Insurance Fund and Superintendent's commission, when made strictly in accordance with the provisions of the By-laws. Claims for losses shall be made to the Superintendent, and payment accepted by warrant on the Treasurer, as provided in Article VII, Section 4, of these By-laws. Claims for payment for substituted stamps shall always be accompanied by the substituted stamps in the books as received by the owner, and such substituted stamps shall become the property of the Society, to be sold for the benefit of the Insurance Fund upon payment of the claim made by the owner.

ARTICLE IX.—Official Journal.

Section 1. The Official Journal of the Society shall be chosen by vote at the annual election, subject to the single condition that the vote shall be inoperative if at the annual convention recording the vote the Society should legislate to publish its own official journal. The Board of Vice-Presidents shall invite offers from the various philatelic publications, specifying the conditions of the contract, through the official columns of the official journal at least 90 days prior to the date of the convention, and a synopsis of the same shall be printed upon the official ballot.

ARTICLE X.—American Philatelist.

Section 1. The American Philatelist shall be published quarterly. The first number shall be issued as soon as possible after the Adjournment of the Annual Convention and shall contain a copy of the charter and By-laws as last amended, a full report of the last Annual Convention, the rules of all departments which may not be included in the general By-laws, a list of all branch societies and affiliated societies, a list of the names and addresses of all officers of the Society, and the publishers of the official journal, and also literary matter as may be of Philatelic or Society interest.

The second number shall be issued about February 1st, and shall contain such literary matter as may be selected, and a list of all active members, ar-

ranged alphabetically, numerically and geographically; the names of minors in the alphabetical list shall be marked with an asterisk, the significance of which shall be explained in a note at the foot of each page.

The third and fourth numbers shall be issued about May 1st, and August 1st, and shall contain such official matter as the President or Secretary or Board of Vice Presidents may deem advisable, together with such literary matter as may be selected by the Editor.

The American Philatelist shall be edited by the Editor and approved by the President for publication.

Advertising shall be admitted subject to the approval of the Editor at a rate to be determined by the Board of Vice Presidents, but said advertisements shall not exceed the amount of space devoted to reading matter.

Ten copies shall be sent free to each Director, if he shall so request, ten copies to the Assistant Librarian, and one copy each to such libraries or other institutions as may be approved by the Board of Directors. Copies to the public, or extra copies for members, will be sold by the Secretary at 25c per copy, and the proceeds turned into the treasury. All copies on hand after one year from date of issue shall be turned over to the Assistant Librarian. The expense of publishing it shall be paid from the General Fund.

Sec. 2. The Secretary, immediately after the convention, shall advertise in the Official Journal for bids for the printing of the American Philatelist, and the contract shall be awarded by the Board of Directors, who may at their discretion reject any or all bids.

ARTICLE XI.—Branch Societies.

Section 1. Branch societies of this Society may be formed as follows: A charter may be issued by the Board of Vice Presidents for such a branch society on formal application to such Board; provided they shall have adopted a name and rules for their government, and shall submit a copy of the same with a list of the members, at the time the application

is made; and provided that the said rules of the branch society are not inconsistent with the Charter and By-laws of the Society.

Sec. 2. Five or more stockholders resident in the locality, or twenty-five stockholders resident in the same state, shall be necessary before a charter can be granted.

Sec. 3. Local and state branches so formed shall be numbered in regular order, in consecutive series, and each shall be known by its number, in addition to the name selected by it; provided, that the name of the state branch includes the name of the State for which it is chartered.

Sec. 4. Branch societies so organized shall admit to membership only persons who are stockholders of the Society or who shall have made application for admission as such.

Each branch shall furnish to the Secretary of the Society the name and address its Secretary, to whom all official communications shall be sent. At each annual convention said officer shall make a report showing the number of meetings his Branch has held during the year, the number of members in good standing and any matters pertaining to the work of the Branch Society. Upon request of the Board of Vice-Presidents, the Secretary of any Branch shall furnish any information which the Board may request pertaining to the membership and work of said Branch.

All changes in the by-laws of a branch society shall be approved by the Board of Vice Presidents before the same can become effective. In the event that the membership in any branch is reduced to less than five members or, in the event that a branch refuses or fails to comply with any of the above requirements, the Board of Vice Presidents may submit the facts to the Board of Directors, as in the case of a member, for the purpose of having the revocation of the charter of such offending branch voted upon.

No person, who may be elected an honorary member by any branch, unless he or she is a member of the American Philatelic Society in good standing, shall

be permitted to vote or take any active part in the business proceedings of the branch with which affiliated.

Sec. 5. Each branch society so organized shall be required to subscribe for, acquire, and hold, in the name of such branch, one share of the capital stock of this Society, and may vote the same by proxy.

ARTICLE XII.—Property.

Section 1. All officers shall, at the expiration of their terms of office, deliver to their successors all books, papers, moneys, and other property in their possession belonging to the Society, and they shall not be relieved from their bonds or obligations until this requirement be complied with.

Sec. 2. The records of the Board of Vice-Presidents and of the Board of Directors shall be turned over to the Assistant Librarian for safe keeping after two years have elapsed from the final adjustment of the subject of such records. These records shall be obtainable from the Assistant Librarian at any time that reference to them is necessary, upon written request of the Board in which they originated.

Sec. 3. A duplicate form record book shall be kept, one by the Secretary and one by the President, wherein shall be securely fixed a duplicate of each form of printed matter that is used by any officer to whom is delegated executive power. All such blanks or forms shall have printed on them in a noticeable place "Form approved by Board of Directors" (date to follow); said approval to apply to the necessity of issuing and to form, and also to subject matter except as otherwise provided in the By-laws.

ARTICLE XIII.—Amendments.

Section 1. The By-Laws of this Society may be altered or amended only by the consent of two-thirds of the stockholders voting on such alteration or amendments; provided, that such two-thirds shall constitute a third of all the members of the Society entitled to vote. Amendments may be made at the Annual Convention, or at any special meeting, or by a general vote, as pro-

vided for in Article III, Section 3, and the action of the Annual Convention or special meeting in amending the By-laws shall be final, if such proposed amendments shall have been published in the Official Journal at least thirty days prior to the date of such convention or meeting. But any amendment to the By-Laws adopted by any convention or

special meeting which was not so published, and any Rules or By-laws passed by the Board of Directors shall be submitted to a general vote, as provided by Article III, Section 3, in case one hundred stockholders entitled to vote shall so request of the President within sixty days from the publication of the same in the Official Journal.

Articles of Incorporation of the American Philatelic Society.

We, the undersigned, hereby associate ourselves according to the provisions of an act of the legislature of the State of Minnesota, entitled "An Act relating to Corporations other than those for pecuniary benefit," approved March 3, 1870, under the following Articles of Incorporation:

I. The name of the corporation shall be The American Philatelic Society. Its Principal office shall be in the city of Minneapolis, County of Hennepin, and State of Minnesota.

II. The purpose for which this corporation is established is to assist its members in acquiring knowledge in regard to Philately, to cultivate a feeling of friendship among philatelists, and enable them to affiliate with members of similar societies in other countries, and, in furtherance of these objects, to assist its members in acquiring and disposing of stamps of various kinds through its several departments.

III. Any person may become a member of the society by filing with its General Secretary an application in the form prescribed from time to time, signed by at least two members, and accompanied by one dollar for a certificate of stock and the amount of the dues for the remainder of the fiscal year (ending August 31st), the whole to be refunded if admission is refused; and if the applicant has not attained the age of 21 years, he must accompany his application with a guarantee from some responsible person that the guarantor will be responsible for the proper fulfillment of the applicant's promises and obligations to the society, in case the applicant is admitted. The General Secretary shall cause the name and address of each applicant, his references, and guarantor, to be published in the next number of the Official Circular sent to members, and, if no objection shall be received by the Board of Vice Presidents within one month after such publication, the applicant shall be considered elected. In case any objection is filed with the Board of Vice Presidents, they shall notify the General Secretary thereof and proceed to investigate the case and accept or reject the applicant in their discretion.

IV. The capital stock shall consist of ten thousand shares of a par value of one dollar each. No member shall be allowed to purchase or hold more than one share of said stock. The annual dues shall be two dollars, or such sum as may be prescribed in the By-Laws.

V. The corporation shall be managed by and under the care of the Board of Directors, to be elected at such times and in such manner as the By-Laws shall prescribe. The first Board of Directors shall hold their respective offices until the first day of September, 1897, and shall consist of the following: F. F. Olney, of Providence, R. I.; W. C. Van Derlip, J. L. Kilbon, and George L. Toppan, of Boston, Mass.; Joe F. Beard, of Muscatine, Iowa; H. B. Phillips, of San Francisco, Cal.; E. Doeblin, of Allegheny, Pa.; N. W. Chandler, of Collinsville, Ill.; and G. D. Mekeel, of St. Louis, Mo.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals, this 3d day of April, A. D. 1897.

ALBERT W. BATCHELDER,
E. M. CARPENTER,

WILLARD C. VAN DERLIP, (Seal)
Boston, Mass.

Witnesses as to

JOHN LUTHER KILBON, (Seal)
Boston, Mass.

W. C. VAN DERLIP, J. L. KILBON,
AND GEO. L. TOPPAN.

GEO. L. TOPPAN, (Seal)
Boston, Mass.

MAXIL D. ROBB,
SAM E. ROBB.

EDW. S. STEBBINS, (Seal)
Minneapolis, Minn.

Witnesses as to

W. R. YOUNG, (Seal)
Minneapolis, Minn.

E. S. STEBBINS, W. R. YOUNG,
AND GEO. W. ACHARD.

GEO. W. ACHARD, (Seal)
Minneapolis, Minn.

STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS, }
County of Suffolk. } ss.

On this 5th day of May, A. D. 1897, personally appeared W. C. Van Derlip, J. L. Kilbon, and Geo. L. Toppan, to me known to be the signers and sealers of the foregoing instrument, and they acknowledged to me that they executed the same as their free act and deed.

JAMES A. LOWELL,

(Notarial Seal)

Notary Public, Suffolk County, Mass.

STATE OF MINNESOTA, }
County of Hennepin. } ss.

On this 3d day of April, A. D. 1897, personally appeared E. S. Stebbins, W. R. Young, and Geo. W. Achard, to me known to be the persons who executed and signed and sealed the foregoing instrument, and they acknowledged to me that they executed the same as their free act and deed.

MAXIL D. ROBB,

(Notarial Seal)

Notary Public, Hennepin County, Minn.

265,739.

Office of Frank C. Metcalf, Registrar of Deeds.
County of Hennepin, Minnesota.

I hereby certify that the within instrument was filed in this office for record on the 29th day of June, A. D. 1897, at 1:45 o'clock p. m., and was duly recorded in Book 72, of Miscellaneous, pages 478, 479, 480.

FRANK C. METCALF,

By Frank J. Peterson, Deputy.

Registrar of Deeds.

Filed for record in this office June 30, A. D. 1897, at 11 o'clock a. m.

ALBERT BERG, Secretary of State

CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

We, Frank F. Olney, President, and Joe F. Beard, Secretary, do hereby certify that at the annual convention of this society, held in the City of Boston, County of Suffolk, and State of Massachusetts, on the 24th, 25th and 26th days of August, 1897, a motion was duly made, seconded, and carried, amending the Articles of Incorporation filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota, on the 30th day of June, 1897, so as to read as follows:

Section 1. The name of this corporation shall be The American Philatelic Association. Its principal office shall be in the City of Minneapolis, County of Hennepin, and State of Minnesota.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed the seal of said corporation, this 26th day of November, A. D. 1897.

Filed for record in this office December
81, A. D. 1897, at 2:30 o'clock p. m.

FRANK F. OLNEY,
President.

ALBERT BERG,
Secretary of State.

JOE F. BEARD,
Secretary.

CERTIFICATE OF AMENDMENT TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF
THE AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

We, John N. Luff, President, and H. S. Adair, Secretary, do hereby certify that at the Annual Convention of this Society, held in the City of Columbus, County of Franklin, and State of Ohio, on the 21st, 22nd and 23rd days of July, 1908, a motion was duly made, seconded and carried, amending the Articles of Incorporation filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota, on the 30th day of June, 1897, so as to read as follows:

Section 1. The name of this corporation shall be the American Philatelic Society. Its principal office shall be in the City of Minneapolis, County of Hennepin, and State of Minnesota.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto subscribed our names and affixed the seal of said Corporation this 5th day of September, A. D. 1908.

JOHN N. LUFF,
President.

H. S. ADAIR,
Secretary.



I hereby certify that the above instrument was filed for record in this office on the 8th day of September, A. D. 1908, at 9 o'clock a. m., and was duly recorded in Book Q-3, of Incorporations, on page 400.

JULIUS A. SCHMAHL,
Secretary of State.

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